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Objective: To understand and implement application containerization using Docker and to gain practical exposure in building, running, and managing containers for simplified application deployment.

Expected Outcome of Experiment:

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1	Successfully create Dockerfiles for containerizing applications
2	Build and run Docker containers
3	Understand how containerized applications work independently of the host environment
4	Push a custom Docker image to Docker Hub

Books/ Journals/ Websites referred:

- <u>Docker Documentation</u>
- https://github.com/Aahil13/Zeus
- https://hub.docker.com/





Abstract:-

This hands-on lab experience focuses on the foundational concepts and practical skills needed to work with Docker, a leading containerization platform. Participants will begin by setting up Docker on Windows systems, guided by a step-by-step installation tutorial. The lab then progresses to the containerization of a Python application, offering insights into creating Dockerfiles, managing dependencies, and building container images. Using additional resources, learners will deepen their understanding of how to containerize applications effectively, ensuring portability and consistency across environments. Finally, the experience is enriched by interactive practice using the Virtual Docker Lab from CourseLabs, allowing users to experiment with Docker commands and workflows in a safe, simulated environment. This comprehensive exercise equips participants with essential Docker knowledge, preparing them for modern DevOps and cloud-native application development.

Related Theory: -

Introduction to Virtualization and Containerization

In the realm of software development and deployment, ensuring that applications run consistently across different environments has always been a challenge. Traditionally, this issue was addressed through virtualization, wherein hypervisors enabled multiple operating systems to run on a single physical machine. However, virtualization is often resource-heavy and slower to initialize.

Containerization, a lighter alternative to traditional virtualization, has revolutionized the way applications are developed, tested, and deployed. Unlike virtual machines that emulate entire hardware stacks, containers virtualize the operating system, allowing multiple applications to share the same OS kernel while running in isolated environments. This reduces overhead, improves performance, and enables greater flexibility and scalability in application deployment.

What is Docker?

Docker is an open-source platform that automates the deployment of applications inside lightweight, portable containers. Developed by Docker Inc., it enables developers to package an application along with all its dependencies, libraries, and configuration files into a single image. This image can then be run as a container on any system that has Docker installed, ensuring consistent behavior across various stages of development and deployment.

Key Features of Docker:

- **Portability:** Docker containers can run on any system that supports Docker, irrespective of underlying hardware or operating system differences.
- **Efficiency:** Containers share the host OS kernel, leading to reduced memory and CPU usage compared to virtual machines.
- **Isolation:** Each container runs in a sandboxed environment, reducing the risk of conflicts between applications.





- **Version Control:** Docker images are versioned, making it easy to roll back to previous states or manage updates efficiently.
- **Scalability:** Containers can be deployed in clusters using tools like Docker Swarm or Kubernetes for orchestration.

Docker Components

- **Docker Engine:** The core client-server technology that includes a server (Docker daemon), REST API, and a command-line interface.
- **Docker Image:** A read-only template with instructions for creating a Docker container. It includes the application code, runtime, libraries, environment variables, and configuration files.
- **Docker Container:** A running instance of a Docker image. Containers are isolated and include everything needed to run the application.
- **Dockerfile:** A text document containing all the commands a user could call on the command line to assemble an image.
- **Docker Hub:** A public registry that stores Docker images, making them accessible for download and reuse.

Dockerizing a Python Application

Python, being a versatile and widely used language, is often deployed using Docker for building scalable microservices and web applications. The process of containerizing a Python application involves:

- 1. **Writing the Application:** A simple script or a complex web app (like using Flask or Django).
- 2. **Creating a Dockerfile:** This defines the base image (e.g., python: 3.9), sets up the working directory, installs dependencies (using requirements.txt), and runs the application.
- 3. **Building the Docker Image:** Using docker build to convert the Dockerfile into a runnable image.
- 4. **Running the Container:** With docker run, the container is instantiated and the application is executed in an isolated environment.

This encapsulation ensures that the application behaves the same, whether it's running on a developer's local machine, a staging server, or in production.

Containerization vs. Virtual Machines

Aspect	Containers	Virtual Machines
Boot Time	Seconds	Minutes
Resource Usage	Low (shares host OS kernel)	High (requires guest OS per VM)
Portability	High	Moderate
Isolation	Process-level	OS-level
Management Tools	Docker, Kubernetes	VMware, VirtualBox, Hyper-V

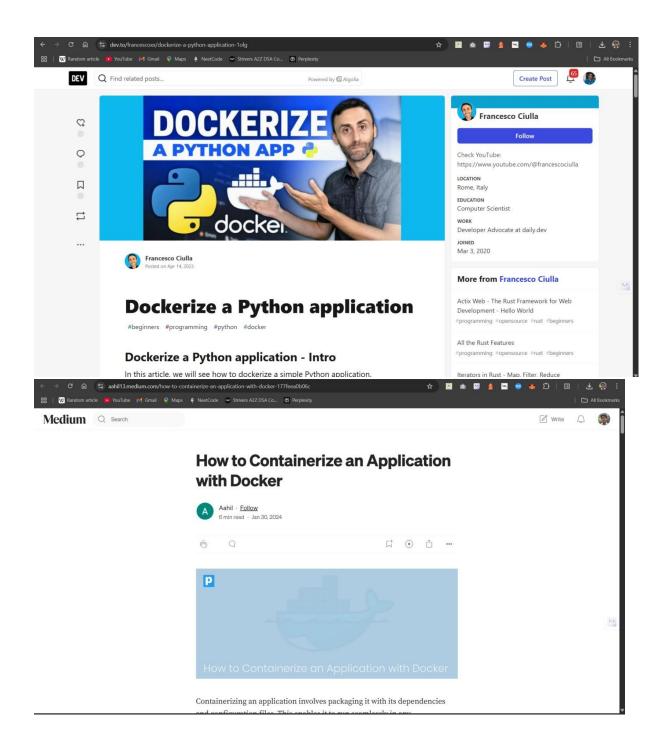
Virtual Docker Labs

Virtual Docker labs, such as the one provided by CourseLabs, simulate real-world environments for learners to practice Docker concepts without installing anything locally. These cloud-based labs offer hands-on experience with Docker CLI, creating containers, writing Dockerfiles, and managing Docker networks and volumes. Such labs are essential for building practical skills and understanding container orchestration in distributed systems.



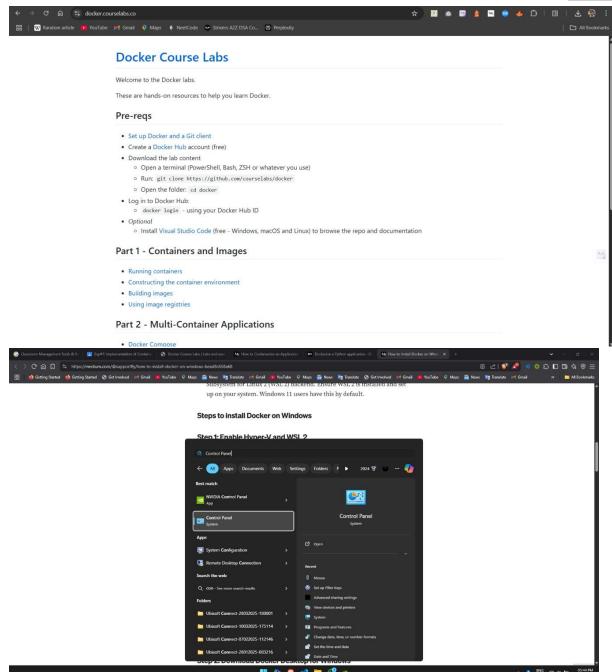


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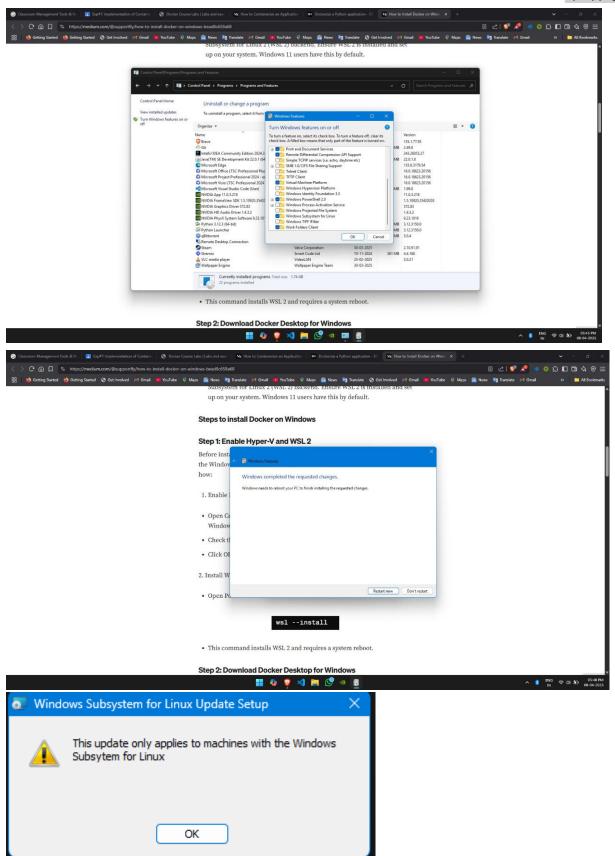






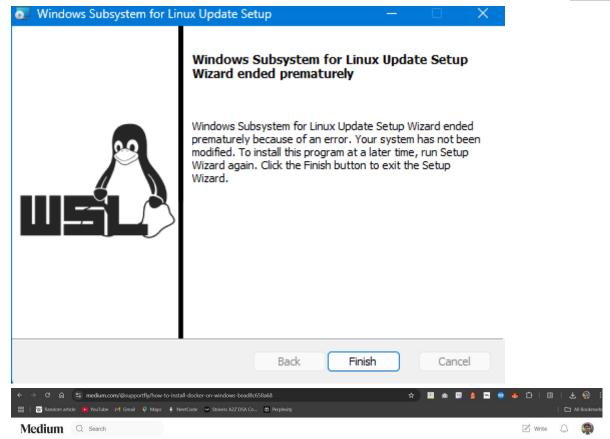












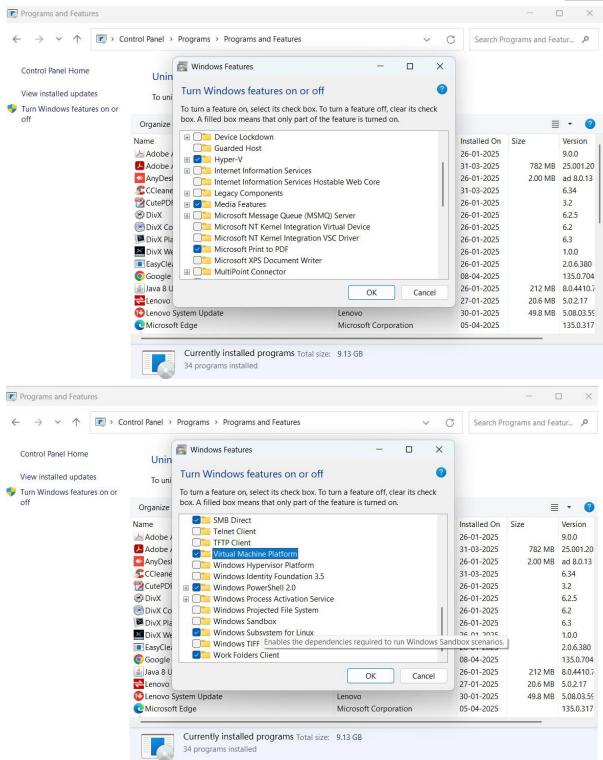
How to Install Docker on Windows



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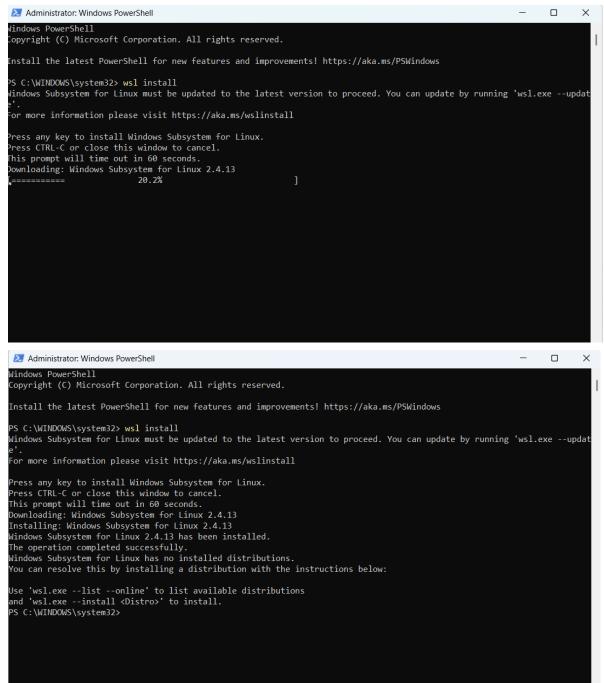








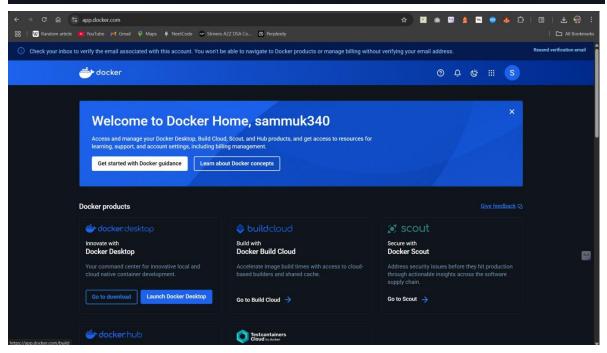






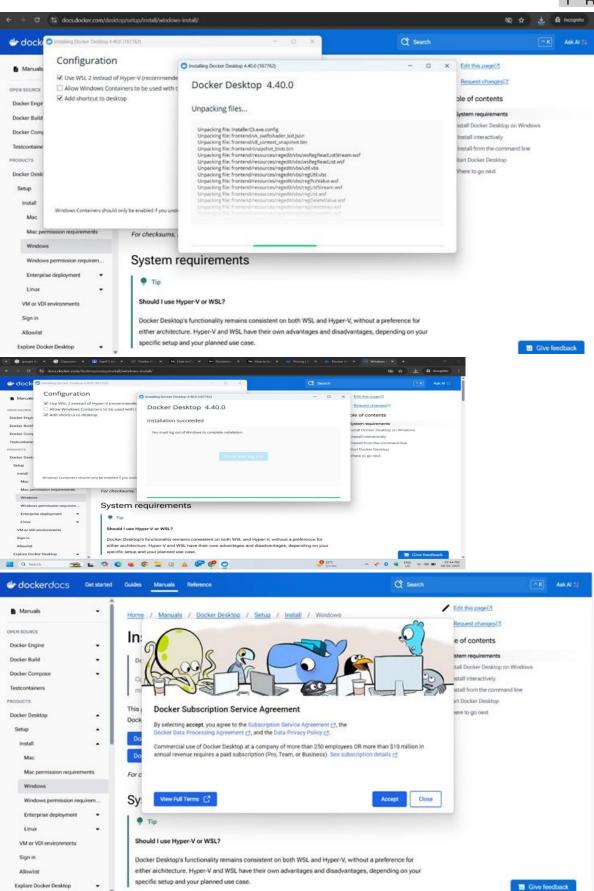


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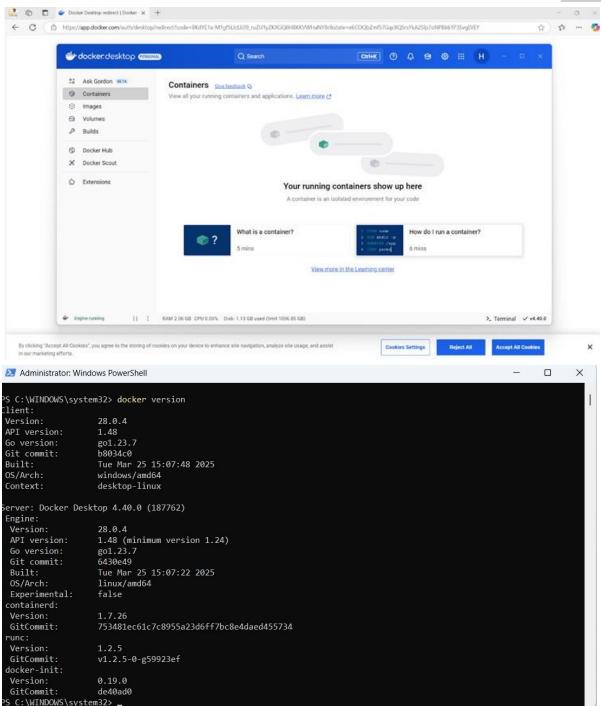






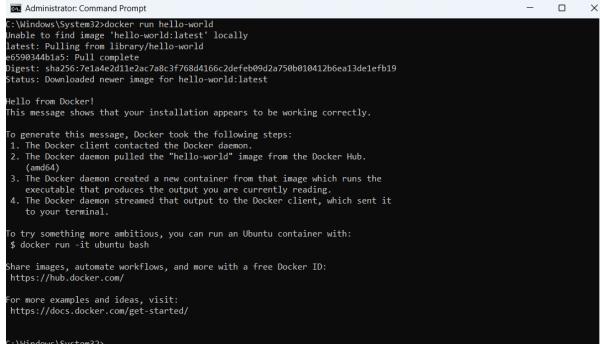


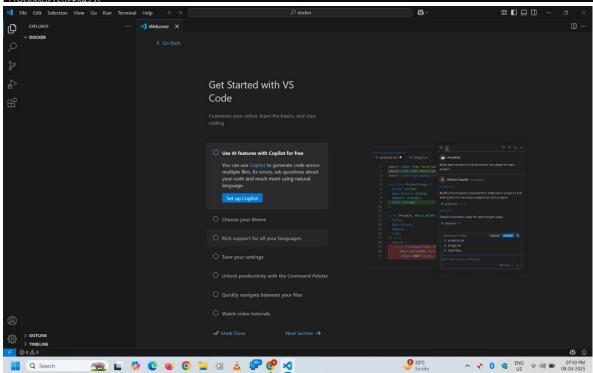






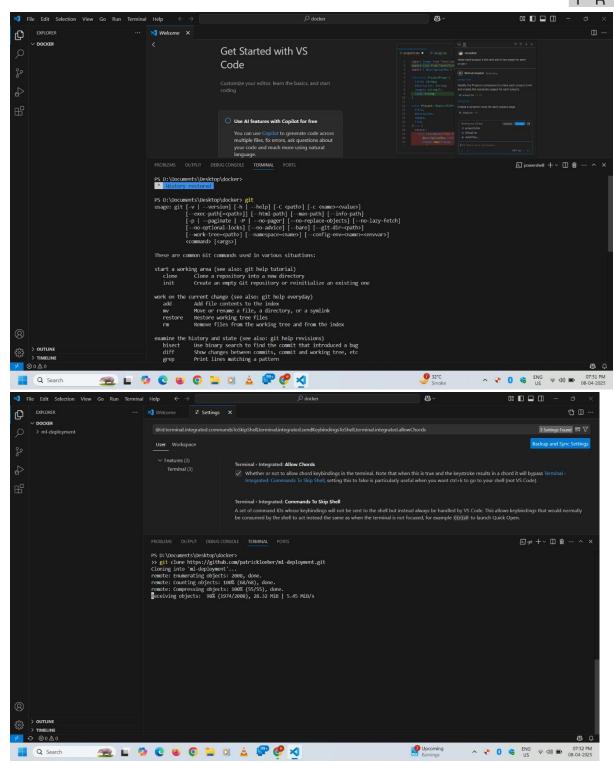






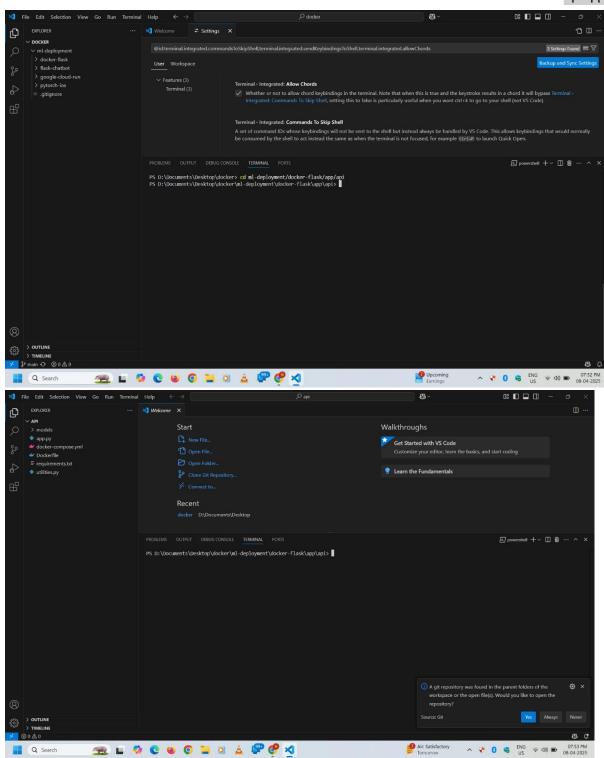






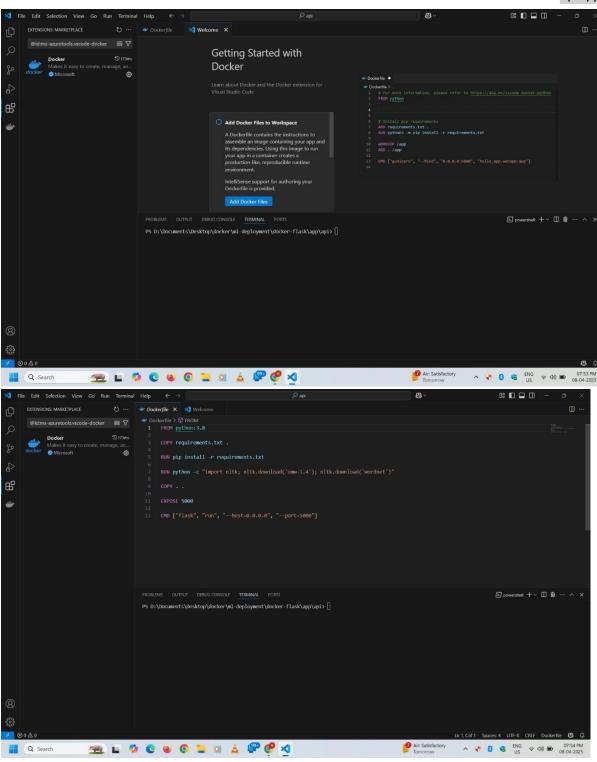






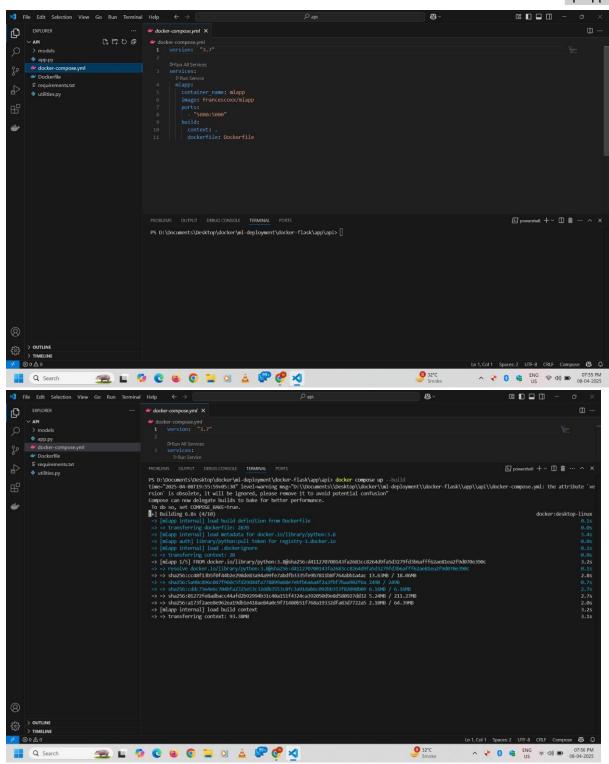






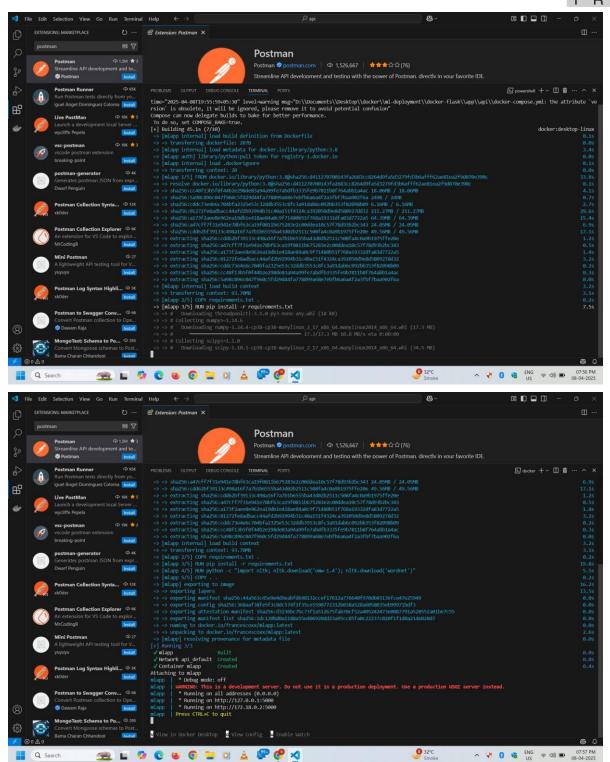






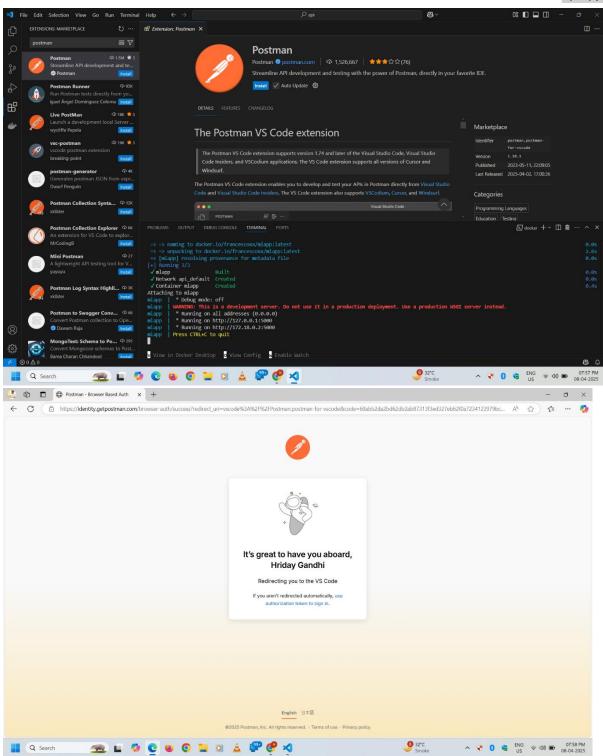






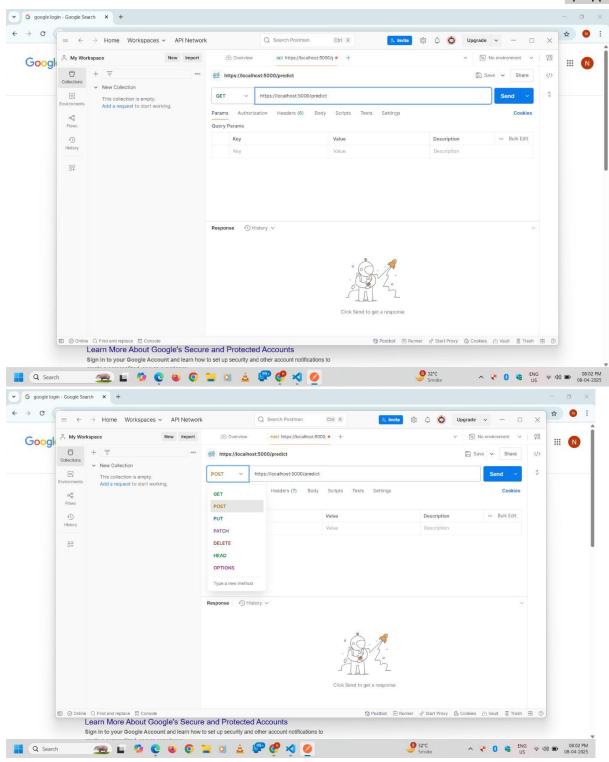






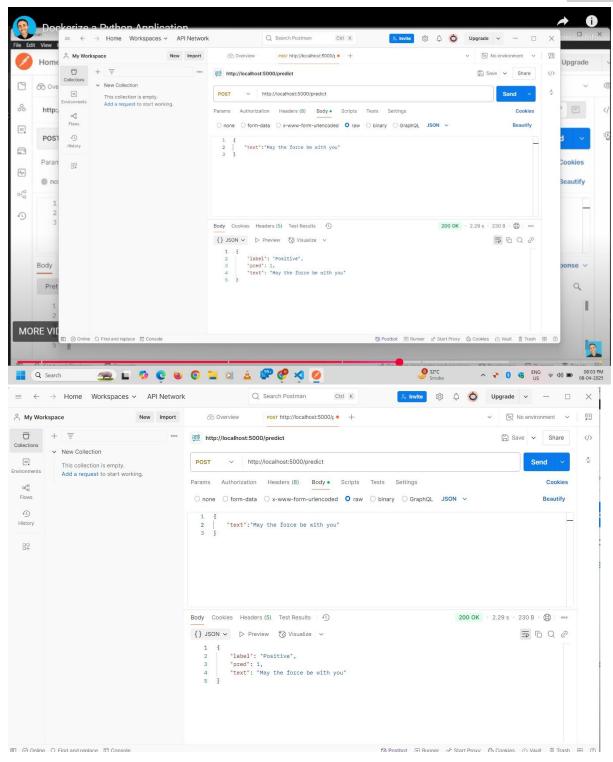






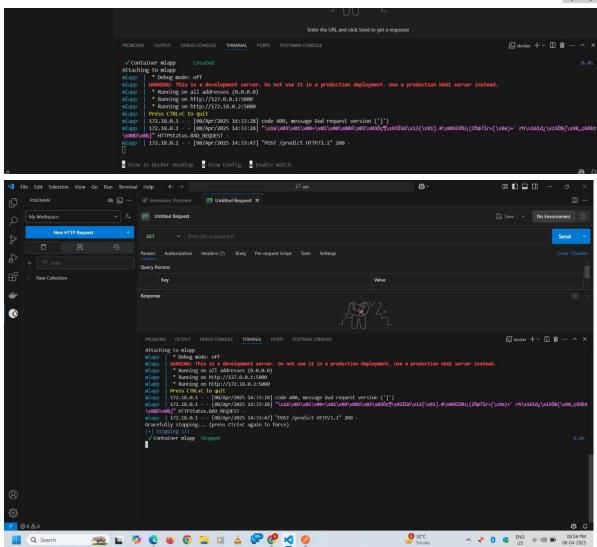






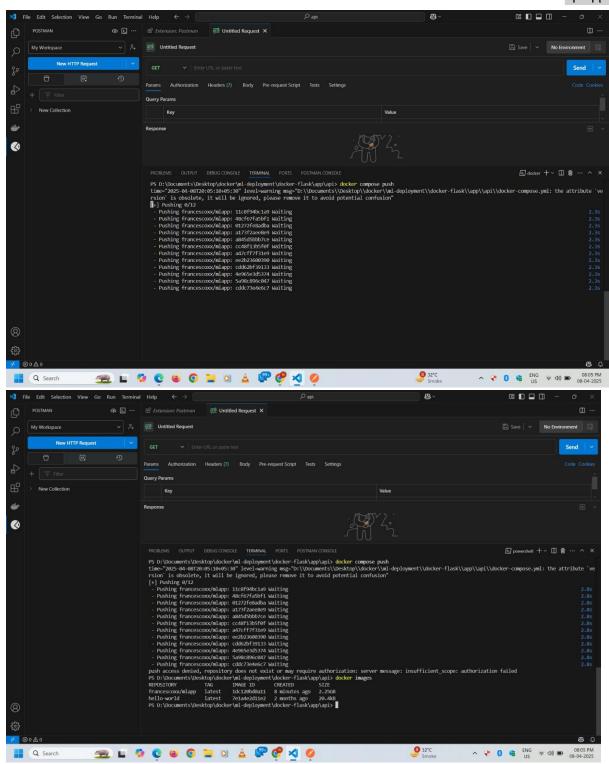






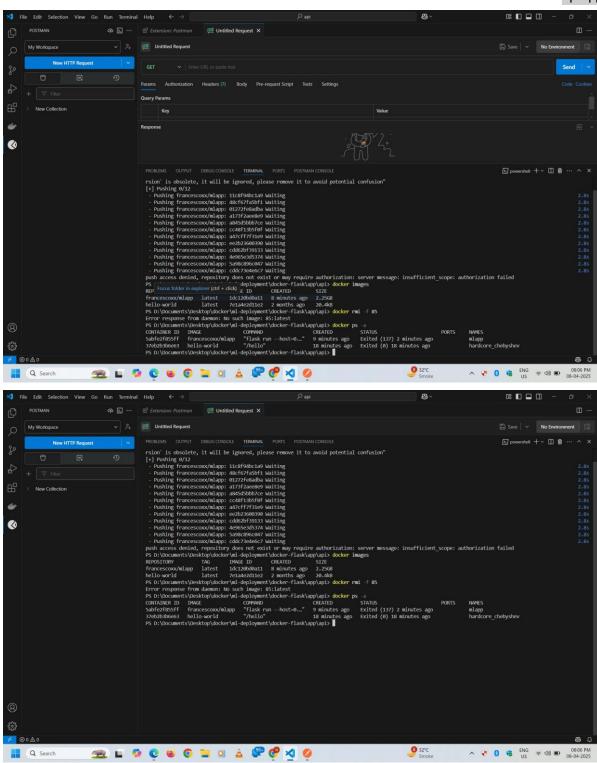






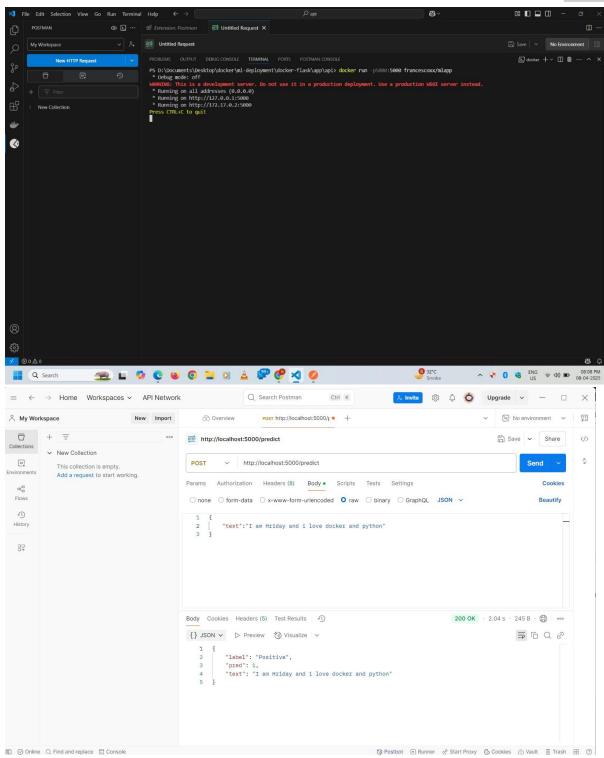
















STEPS TAKEN:-

_I. Docker Installation on Windows

- 1. Visit the official Docker website or follow a trusted tutorial (e.g., from Medium).
- 2. Download **Docker Desktop for Windows**.
- 3. Install Docker Desktop by running the installer.
- 4. Enable WSL 2 (Windows Subsystem for Linux) if prompted.
- 5. Restart your system (if required).
- 6. Launch Docker Desktop.
- 7. Ensure Docker is running properly (check the whale icon in the system tray).
- 8. Open Command Prompt or PowerShell.
- 9. Run docker --version to verify the installation.
- 10. Run docker run hello-world to test if Docker is working.

II. Creating a Python Application

- 1. Create a new project directory (e.g., my-python-app).
- 2. Inside the directory, create your Python script (e.g., app.py).
- 3. Write a simple Python application (e.g., Flask web app or a script that prints text).
- 4. Create a requirements.txt file listing all dependencies (e.g., flask).
- 5. Optionally, add additional files such as config files, static assets, or templates.

III. Writing a Dockerfile

- 1. Inside the project directory, create a file named Dockerfile (no extension).
- 2. Specify a base image (e.g., FROM python: 3.9).
- 3. Set the working directory inside the container using WORKDIR.
- 4. Copy local project files into the container using COPY.
- 5. Install dependencies using RUN pip install -r requirements.txt.
- 6. Define the command to run the application using CMD or ENTRYPOINT.
- 7. Save and close the Dockerfile.

Sample Dockerfile:

```
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FROM python:3.9
WORKDIR /app
COPY . /app
RUN pip install --no-cache-dir -r requirements.txt
CMD ["python", "app.py"]
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IV. Building and Running the Docker Image

- 1. Open the terminal in your project directory.
- 2. Build the Docker image using:

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perl
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docker build -t my-python-app .
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3. Check if the image was built:

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docker images
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4. Run the container using:

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docker run -d -p 5000:5000 my-python-app
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- 5. Open a browser and visit http://localhost:5000 (if it's a web app).
- 6. Verify the application is running correctly.

V. Testing and Debugging

- 1. Use docker ps to list running containers.
- 2. Use docker logs <container id> to check logs.
- 3. Use docker exec -it <container_id> bash to get an interactive shell inside the container.
- 4. Make changes to your code and rebuild the image if needed.
- 5. Stop containers using docker stop <container id>.
- 6. Remove containers/images using docker rm and docker rmi.

VI. Using Docker Compose (Optional)

- 1. Create a docker-compose.yml file for managing multi-container apps.
- 2. Define services (e.g., web app + database).
- 3. Run docker-compose up to start all services.
- 4. Run docker-compose down to stop them.

VII. Working in a Virtual Docker Lab

- 1. Go to https://docker.courselabs.co/.
- 2. Register or log in to access the lab.
- 3. Launch a new Docker lab environment.
- 4. Use the web-based terminal provided to practice:
 - o Running containers





- o Building images
- Writing Dockerfiles
- Networking and volumes
- 5. Follow any pre-built tutorials or challenges in the lab.
- 6. Experiment freely without affecting your local machine.
- 7. Save your work (if supported) or export your files.

VIII. Cleaning Up

- 1. Remove unused containers: docker container prune
- 2. Remove unused images: docker image prune
- 3. Free up system resources by cleaning volumes/networks.
- 4. Backup Dockerfiles and application source code.
- 5. Optionally, push the image to **Docker Hub** using:

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perl
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docker tag my-python-app username/my-python-app
docker push username/my-python-app
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Conclusion:-

This experiment demonstrated Docker's importance in creating reliable, portable Python applications. By containerizing code with all dependencies, we ensured consistent performance across environments. Practicing with virtual labs deepened our understanding of core Docker concepts, preparing us for modern software development trends like DevOps, microservices, and cloud-native architectures.