

Docker Compose Basics

Objective: *Install Compose, unless already installed, explore the basics of using Docker Compose with containers.
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Preparation: *Make sure you have already installed both Docker Engine and Docker Compose. You don't need to install Python or Redis, as both are provided by Docker images.
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Outcome: xx

Data Files: *Ask Instructor
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Step 1. Installing

1. If you're a Mac or Windows user, the best way to install Compose and keep it up-to-date is Docker for Mac and Windows. Docker for Mac and Windows will automatically install the latest version of Docker Engine for you. Check to see if docker-compose is installed already, by using the version flag, like this:

```
$ docker-compose --version
```

2. Alternatively, you can use the usual commands to install or upgrade Compose:

```
$ curl -L https://github.com/docker/compose/releases/download/1.14.0/docker-compose-`uname -s`-`uname -m` > /usr/local/bin/docker-compose
```

```
chmod +x /usr/local/bin/docker-compose
```

Compose file format compatibility matrix

Compose File Format	Docker Engine
3.3	17.06.0+
3.0 ; 3.1	1.13.0+
2.2	1.13.0+
2.1	1.12.0+
2.0	1.10.0+
1.0	1.9.1+

NOTE: Must use `sudo` and may have to elevate premissions, using `sudo -- su`. Remember, `docker` is root's password.

Step 2. Setup

1. Create a directory for the project:

```
$ mkdir composetest  
$ cd composetest
```

2. Create a file called `app.py` in your project directory and paste this in:

```
from flask import Flask
```

```
from redis import Redis

app = Flask(__name__)
redis = Redis(host='redis', port=6379)

@app.route('/')
def hello():
    count = redis.incr('hits')
    return 'Hello World! I have been seen {} times.\n'.format(count)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    app.run(host="0.0.0.0", debug=True)
```

3. Create another file called `requirements.txt` in your project directory and paste this in:

```
flask
redis
```

NOTE: These define the application's dependencies.

Step 3. Create a Dockerfile

In this step, you write a Dockerfile that builds a Docker image. The image contains all the dependencies the Python application requires, including Python itself.

1. In your project directory, create a file named Dockerfile and paste the following:

```
FROM python:3.4-alpine
ADD . /code
WORKDIR /code
RUN pip install -r requirements.txt
CMD ["python", "app.py"]
```

This tells Docker to:

- Build an image starting with the Python 3.4 image.
- Add the current directory `.` into the path `/code` in the image.
- Set the working directory to `/code`.
- Install the Python dependencies.
- Set the default command for the container to `python app.py`.

Step 4. Define Services in Compose File

1. Create a file called `docker-compose.yml` in your project directory and paste the following:

```
version: 'X' //Use the chart above to make your selection
.
services:
  web:
    build: .
    ports:
```

```
- 5000:5000
volumes:
- ./code
redis:
  image: "redis:alpine"
```

This Compose file defines two services, `web` and `redis`. The web service:

- Uses an image that's built from the `Dockerfile` in the current directory.
- Forwards the exposed port 5000 on the container to port 5000 on the host machine.
- Mounts the project directory on the host to `/code` inside the container, allowing you to modify the code without having to rebuild the image.
- The `redis` service uses a public Redis image pulled from the Docker Hub registry.

Step 5: Build and run your app with Compose

1. From your project directory, start up your application.

```
$ docker-compose up
```

Output:

```
Pulling image redis...
Building web...
Starting composetest_redis_1...
Starting composetest_web_1...
redis_1 | [8] 02 Jan 18:43:35.576 # Server started, Redis
        version 2.8.3
web_1   | * Running on http://0.0.0.0:5000/
web_1   | * Restarting with stat
```

Compose pulls a Redis image, builds an image for your code, and start the services you defined.

2. Enter `http://0.0.0.0:5000/` in a browser to see the application running.

NOTE: If you're using Docker on Linux natively, then the web app should now be listening on port 5000 on your Docker daemon host. If `http://0.0.0.0:5000` doesn't resolve, you can also try `http://localhost:5000`. If you're using Docker Machine on a Mac, use `docker-machine ip MACHINE_VM` to get the IP address of your Docker host. Then, open `http://MACHINE_VM_IP:5000` in a browser.

You should see a message in your browser saying:

```
Hello World! I have been seen 1 times.
```

3. Refresh the page, and watch the number increment.

Step 6: Updating an App

Because the application code is mounted into the container using a volume, you can make changes to its code and see the changes instantly, without having to rebuild the image.

1. Change the greeting in `app.py` and save it. For example:

```
return 'Hello from Docker! I have been seen {} times.\n'.  
format(count)
```

2. Refresh the app in your browser. The greeting should be updated, and the counter should still be incrementing.

3. Also, try it from the terminal using `curl`, like this:

```
$ curl localhost:5000
```

4. Once you are done, before moving to the next step, be sure to bring Compose `down`.

Step 7: Experiment with some other commands

1. If you want to run your services in the background, you can pass the `-d` flag (for “detached” mode) to `docker-compose up` and use `docker-compose ps` to see what is currently

running:

```
$ docker-compose up -d
```

Output:

```
Starting composetest_redis_1...
```

```
Starting composetest_web_1...
```

```
$ docker-compose ps
```

Output:

Name	Command	State
Ports		

composetest_redis_1	/usr/local/bin/run	Up
composetest_web_1	/bin/sh -c python app.py	Up
00->5000/tcp		

2. The `docker-compose run` command allows you to run one-off commands for your services. For example, to see what environment variables are available to the web service:

```
$ docker-compose run web env
```


See `docker-compose --help` to see other available commands.

3. If you started Compose with `docker-compose up -d`, you'll probably want to stop your services once you've finished with them:

```
$ docker-compose stop
```

4. You can bring everything down, removing the containers entirely, with the down command. Pass `--volumes` to also remove the data volume used by the Redis container:

```
$ docker-compose down --volumes
```

At this point, you have seen the basics of how Compose works.

Conclusion

Include next jump... Don't be long winded, but wind them up for next lesson especially