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Installing Docker and Running Your First Container on Windows

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Introduction and Overview

Docker is a powerful tool that allows developers to create, deploy, and run applications in isolated environments called containers. These containers ensure that applications run consistently across different systems, eliminating compatibility issues.

In this guide, we will go through the step-by-step process of installing Docker on Windows, setting up a basic Nginx web server inside a container, and accessing it through a browser.

Objective

- To install Docker on Windows and verify its functionality.
- To learn how to pull and run a basic Nginx container.
- To understand how to access a containerized web application using a browser.
- To gain hands-on experience with containerization and Docker commands.

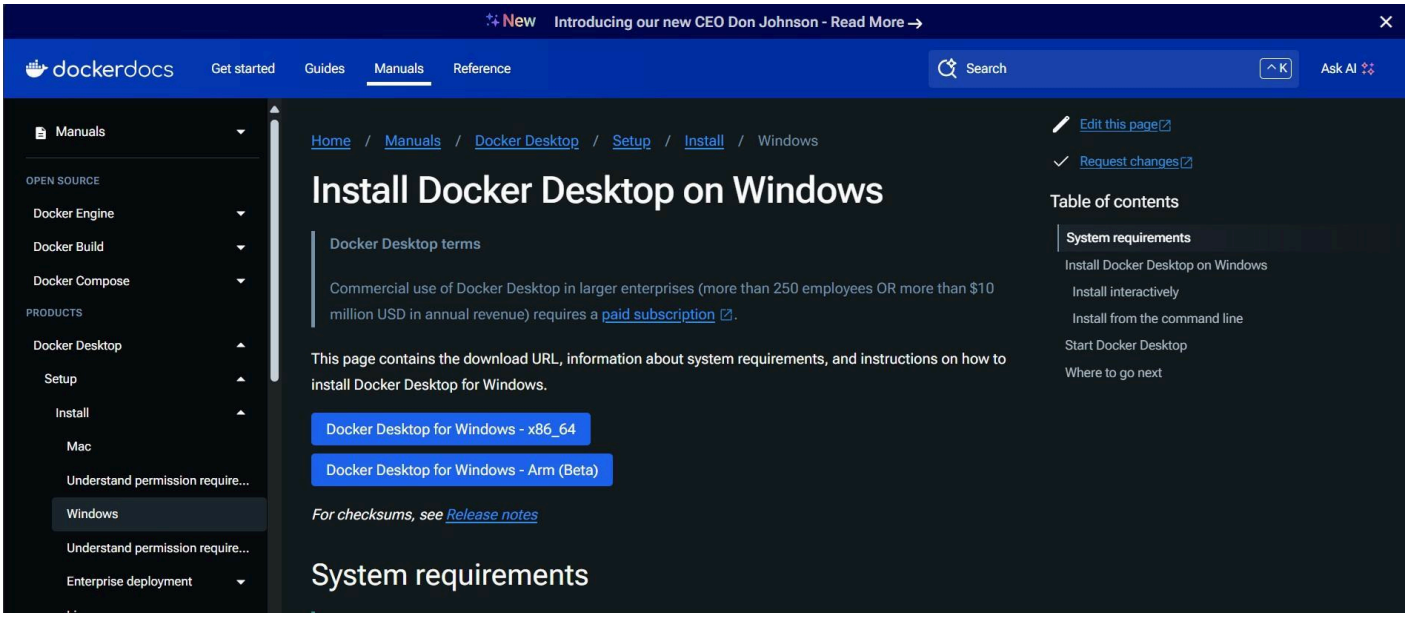
Importance

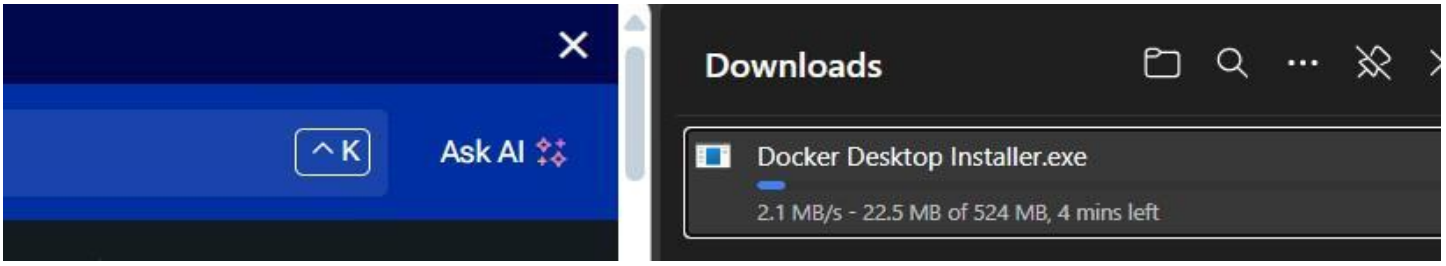
- Simplifies Deployment – Containers eliminate compatibility issues by packaging applications with all their dependencies.
- Improves Efficiency – Docker containers are lightweight and use system resources more effectively than virtual machines.
- Enhances Portability – Applications run consistently across different environments (local, cloud, or server).
- Boosts Scalability – Docker makes it easier to scale applications up or down based on demand.
- Speeds Up Development – Developers can quickly create isolated environments for testing and debugging**.**

Step-by-Step Overview

Step 1: Install Docker Desktop.

1. Download **Docker Desktop for Windows** from the official website: https://www.docker.com/products/docker-desktop/
2. Run the installer and follow the on-screen instructions.
3. Ensure **WSL 2** is enabled (Docker requires this for Windows).
4. Restart your PC and launch **Docker Desktop**.

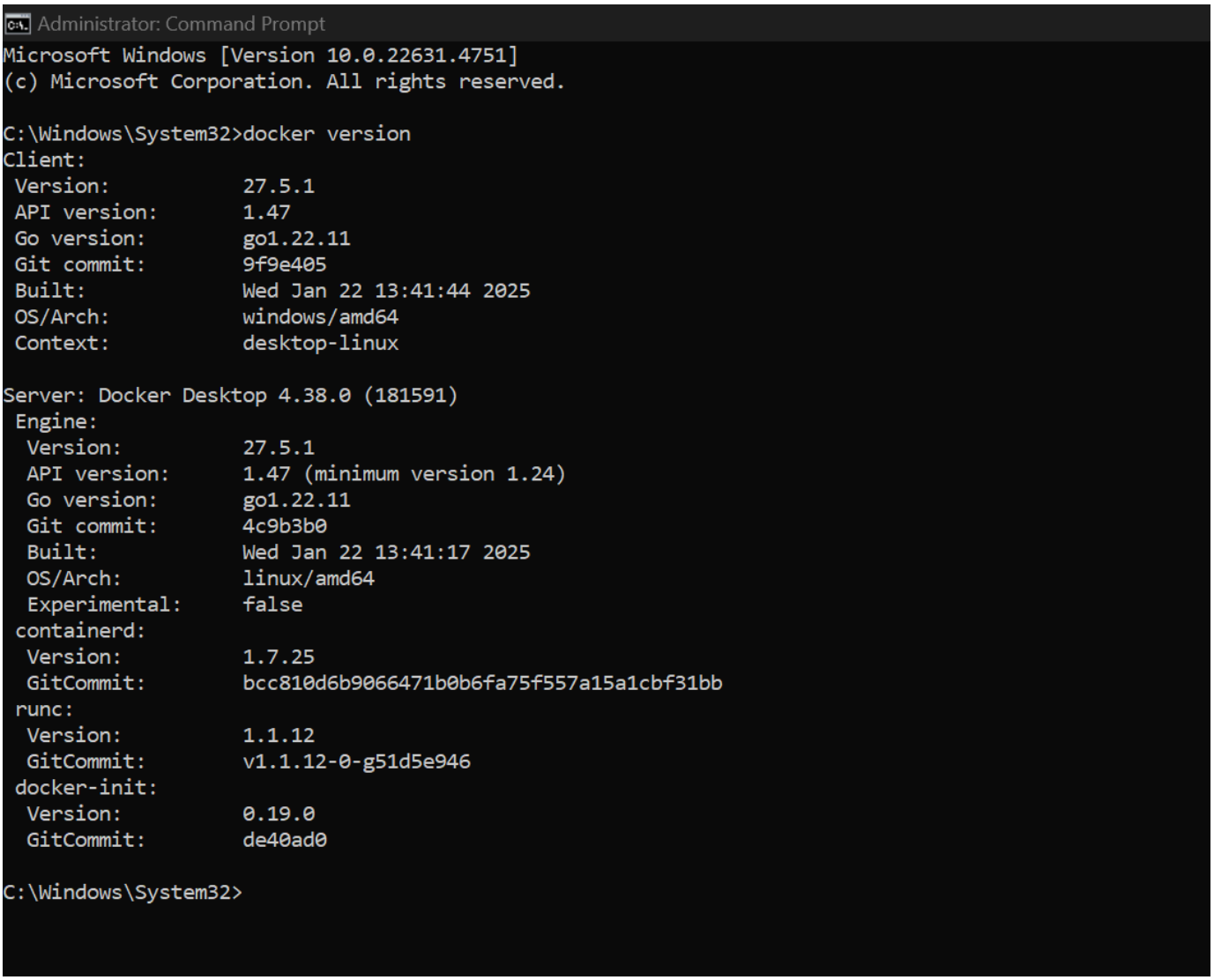




Step 2: Verify Docker Installation

- Open PowerShell and check if Docker is installed by running the version command.
- Verify that Docker is running properly by checking its system information.

- If there are any errors, ensure Docker Desktop is open and running in the background



Step 3: Pull the Nginx Docker Image

- Use the Docker pull command to download the latest Nginx image from Docker Hub.
- Once the image is downloaded, verify it by listing all available images in Docker.

```
C:\Windows\System32>docker pull nginx
Using default tag: latest
latest: Pulling from library/nginx
103f50cb3e9f: Download complete
bf9acace214a: Download complete
513c3649bb14: Download complete
7cf63256a31a: Download complete
9dd21ad5a4a6: Download complete
943ea0f0c2e4: Download complete
d014f92d532d: Download complete
Digest: sha256:9d6b58feebd2dbd3c56ab5853333d627cc6e281011cfd6050fa4bcf2072c9496
Status: Downloaded newer image for nginx:latest
docker.io/library/nginx:latest

C:\Windows\System32>
```

Step 4: Run the Nginx Container

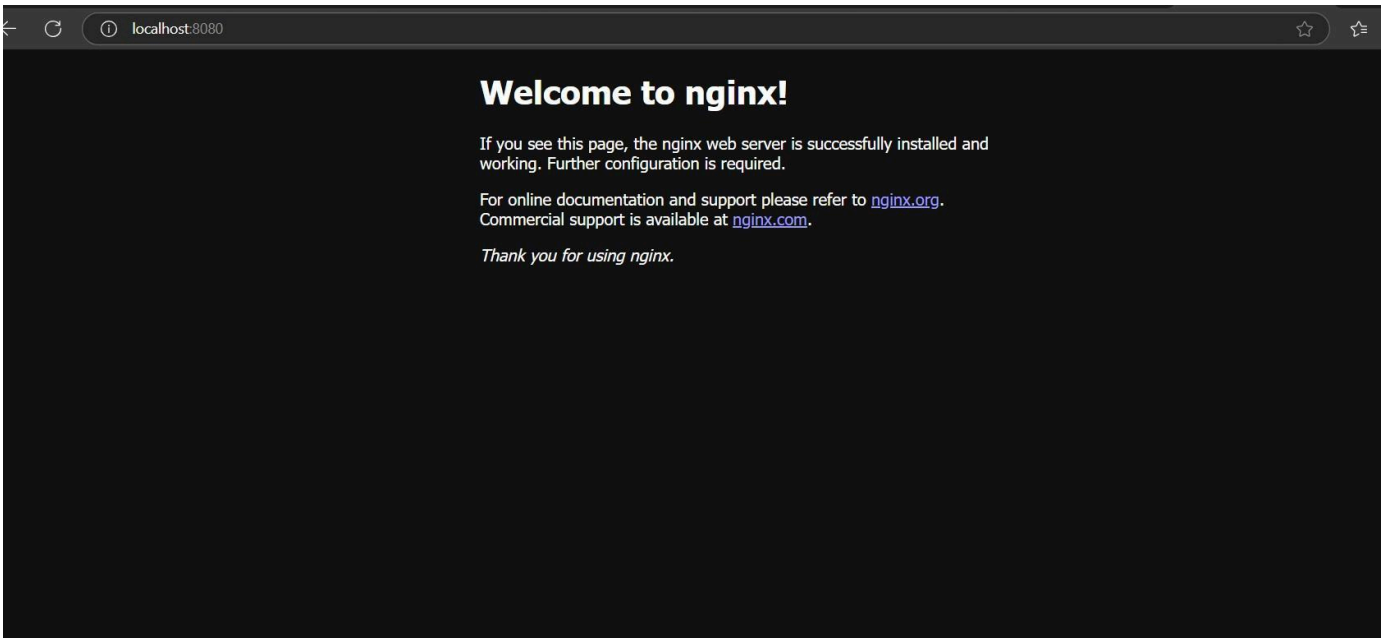
- Start an Nginx container by running it in detached mode and mapping it to port 8080.
- Verify that the container is running by listing all active containers.

```
C:\Windows\System32>docker run -d -p 8080:80 --name my-nginx nginx
74ea01bcd9d86a172e05d98d87809b0acfcf8f5d7ee832a19e828ad2fd3a9d97
```

Step 5: Access the Nginx Web Page

- Open a web browser and go to http://localhost:8080.
- If everything is set up correctly, the default Nginx welcome page should appear.

```
C:\Windows\System32>docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED         STATUS         PORTS                   NAMES
74ea01bcd9d8   nginx     "/docker-entrypoint.…"   3 minutes ago   Up 3 minutes   0.0.0.0:8080->80/tcp   my-nginx
```



Step 6: Stop and Remove the Container

- If you no longer need the container, stop it using the stop command.
- Remove the stopped container from Docker.
- Optionally, remove the Nginx image if you want to free up space.

```
C:\Windows\System32>docker stop my-nginx
```

```
C:\Windows\System32>docker start my-nginx
```

```
C:\Windows\System32>docker rmi nginx
```

Expected Outcome

- Successful installation of **Docker Desktop** on Windows.
- Verification that Docker is running correctly through **PowerShell commands**.
- Pulling and running an **Nginx container** without errors.
- Accessing the **Nginx default welcome page** in a web browser at http://localhost:8080.
- Understanding basic **Docker commands** like pull, run, stop, and remove.