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BUILD AND RUN A CUSTOM DOCKER IMAGE

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Introduction

Containerization has revolutionized the way applications are developed, deployed, and managed. Docker provides a lightweight and efficient way to package applications with all dependencies, ensuring consistency across different environments. In this POC, we will build and run a custom Docker image that serves a simple HTML web page using NGINX.

Overview

This POC demonstrates how to:

- 1. Create a Dockerized static website using NGINX.
- 2. Build a custom Docker image with an HTML file.
- 3. Run a Docker container to serve the HTML content.
- 4. Access the webpage via http://localhost:8080.

By the end of this exercise, you will have a functional web server running inside a Docker container.

Objectives

Understand the Dockerfile and key Docker commands (FROM, COPY, CMD).

- Learn to build and run a Docker containerized application.
- Gain hands-on experience in port mapping and container management.
- Demonstrate how Docker simplifies deployment compared to traditional setups

Importance

- Portability Docker ensures the application runs identically across different environments.
- Efficiency Containers are lightweight and require minimal system resources.
- Scalability Containers make it easier to scale applications without dependency conflicts.
- Faster Deployment Eliminates the need for manual configurations and installations.

Step-by-Step Overview

Step 1:

Install Docker (If Not Installed)

1. Open Command Prompt (cmd) and check

if Docker is installed

docker --version

2. If not installed, download and install

Docker from Docker's official website.

3. Ensure Docker Desktop is running before proceeding

C:\Users\renit>docker --version
Docker version 27.5.1, build 9f9e405

Step 2:

Create a Project Directory

Open Command Prompt and run:

mkdir my-docker-html && cd mydocker-html

mkdir my-docker-html → Creates a new directory.

cd my-docker-html → Moves inside the directory.

C:\Users\renit>mkdir my-docker-html && cd my-docker-html

C:\Users\renit\my-docker-html>

Step 3:

Create an HTML File (index.html)

Run this command to create an empty index.html file:

type nul > index.html

Open the file in Notepad:

notepad index.html

Add the following content and save the file

C:\Users\renit\my-docker-html>type nul > index.html

C:\Users\renit\my-docker-html>notepad index.html

Step 4:

Create a Dockerfile

Run this command to create an empty

Dockerfile:

type nul > Dockerfile

Open the file in Notepad:

notepad Dockerfile

Add the following content and save the file:

C:\Users\renit\my-docker-html>notepad Dockerfile

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# Step 1: Use the official NGINX base image
FROM nginx:latest

# Step 2: Copy the HTML file to the default NGINX directory
COPY index.html /usr/share/nginx/html/index.html

# Step 3: Define the default command to run NGINX in the foreground
CMD ["nginx", "-g", "daemon off;"]
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Step 5:

Build the Docker Image

Run the following command inside the mydocker-html directory:

docker build -t my-html-image.

-t my-html-image \rightarrow Names the image myhtml-image. . → Uses the current directory (where the Dockerfile is located).

Step 6:

Run the Docker Container

Run this command to start a container from the image and expose it on port 8080:

docker run -d -p 8080:80 my-html-image

-d → Runs the container in detached mode (background).

-p 8080:80 → Maps port 8080 on your computer to port 80 inside the container.

C:\Users\renit\my-docker-html>docker run -d -p 8080:80 my-html-image a49546f6c302160429ee11857676002127de6f336b465e396c1285c2f9e7dd17

Step 7:

View the Web Page in a Browser

Open a browser and go to:

http://localhost:8080

You should see the "Hello from Docker!" message.



Outcome

- Successfully built and ran a Docker container hosting an HTML webpage.
- **&** Accessed the webpage using http://localhost:8080.
- **©** Understood how Docker images and containers work for web applications.
- Gained practical experience in containerization using Docker.