

Step-by-Step Guide

1. Setup Instructions

First, I will install Docker if I don't have it on my system. I can download it from the official Docker Website <https://www.docker.com/>. Docker Compose usually comes with Docker Desktop, so I will make sure it's installed too.

Next, I will clone the repository to my local machine by running:

```
C:\Windows\System32>git clone https://github.com/icnoka/fullstack-todo-list.git
Cloning into 'fullstack-todo-list'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 260, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (260/260), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (126/126), done.
remote: Total 260 (delta 107), reused 258 (delta 105), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
Receiving objects: 100% (260/260), 205.90 KiB | 179.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (107/107), done.
```

2. Creating the Dockerfiles

Each component of the application (Frontend, Backend, and Database) has its own **Dockerfile**, which defines how the container is built and configured.

Frontend Dockerfile:

```
Frontend > dockerfile > ...
1 FROM node:lts-alpine
2 ENV NODE_ENV=production
3 WORKDIR /usr/src/app
4 COPY ["package.json", "package-lock.json*", "npm-shrinkwrap.json*", "./*"]
5 RUN npm install --include dev
6 COPY . .
7 EXPOSE 5173
8 RUN chown -R node /usr/src/app
9 USER node
10 CMD ["npm", "run", "dev"]
11
```

- Uses a lightweight **Node.js Alpine** image.
- Copies the project files and installs dependencies.
- Runs the frontend application on port **5173**.

Backend Dockerfile:

```
Backend > dockerfile > ...
1 FROM node:lts-alpine
2 ENV NODE_ENV=production
3 WORKDIR /usr/src/app
4 COPY ["package.json", "package-lock.json*", "npm-shrinkwrap.json*", "./*"]
5 RUN npm install --production --silent && mv node_modules ../
6 COPY . .
7 EXPOSE 3000
8 RUN chown -R node /usr/src/app
9 USER node
10 CMD ["npm", "start"]
11
```

- Uses **Node.js Alpine** for efficiency.
- Installs only production dependencies to optimize the build.
- Runs the backend on port **3000**.

Database Dockerfile:

```
Backend > DB > dockerfile > ...
1
2 FROM mongo:latest
3
4
5 WORKDIR /data/db
6
7
8 EXPOSE 27017
9
10
11 CMD ["mongod"]
```

- Uses the **MongoDB** official image.
- Exposes **port 27017**, which is MongoDB's default port.
- Runs the **MongoDB daemon** (mongod).

3. Creating the Docker Compose file

The docker-compose.yml file defines how all three services (Frontend, Backend, and Database) work together.

```

🔥 docker-compose.yml
1  version: '3.8'
2
   ▶ Run All Services
3  services:
   ▶ Run Service
4    frontend:
5      build:
6        context: ./frontend
7        dockerfile: dockerfile
8      ports:
9        - "5173:5173"
10     depends_on:
11       - backend
12     networks:
13       - app_network

```

```

   ▶ Run Service
15    backend:
16      build:
17        context: ./backend
18        dockerfile: dockerfile
19      ports:
20        - "3000:3000"
21      depends_on:
22        - database
23      environment:
24        - MONGO_URI=mongodb://database:27017
25      networks:
26        - app_network
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```

Defines **three services**: frontend, backend, and database.

Networks:

- All services are connected using a custom **bridge network** (app_network).

Volumes:

- The database uses a persistent volume (mongo_data) to store data.

Dependencies:

- The **Frontend** depends on the **Backend**.
- The **Backend** depends on the **Database**.

4. Containers

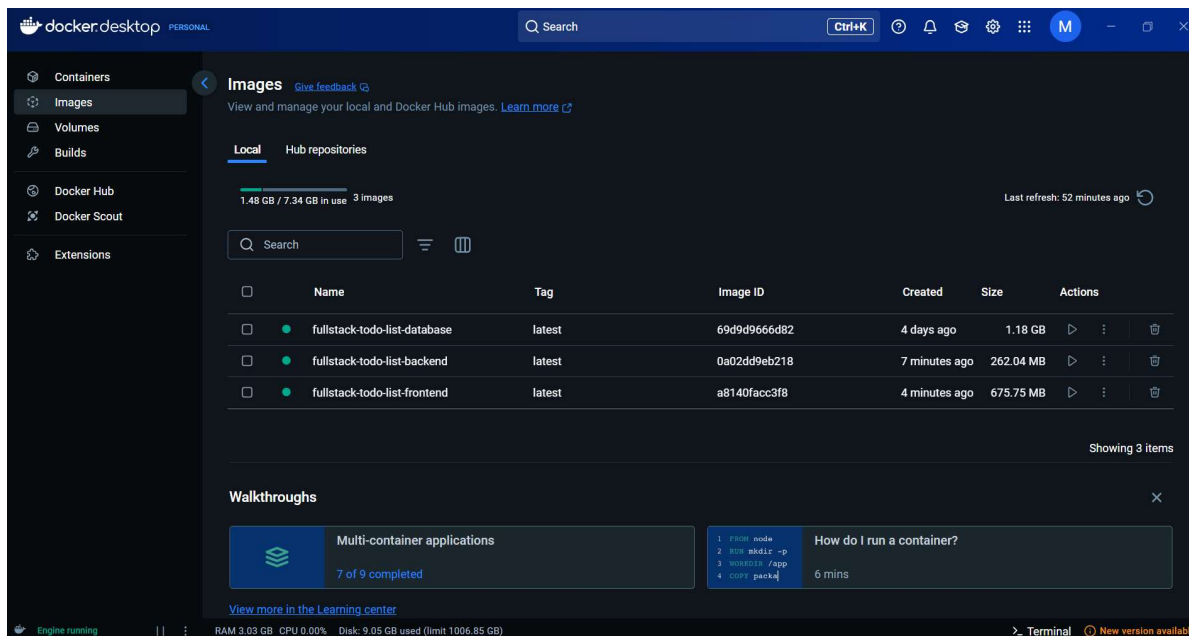
Build the Containers:

Use Docker Compose to build the necessary containers for the frontend, backend, and database:

```
C:\Users\Melat\Desktop\fullstack-todo-list>docker-compose build
time="2025-03-13T18:28:48+03:00" level=warning msg="C:\Users\Melat\Desktop\fullstack-todo-list\docker-compose.yml: the attribute 'version' is obsolete,
it will be ignored, please remove it to avoid potential confusion"
[+] Building 77.9s (28/28) FINISHED                                docker:desktop-linux
=> [database internal] load build definition from dockerfile      0.0s
=> => transferring dockerfile: 116B                               0.0s
=> [database internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/mongo:latest 0.2s
=> [database internal] load .dockerignore                        0.0s
=> => transferring context: 2B                                     0.0s
=> [database 1/2] FROM docker.io/library/mongo:latest@sha256:36f9c7390e7fdc734501d7797a88b9b661c1f0d1d2a64a1706dfb6ae3ffcef04 0.0s
=> => resolve docker.io/library/mongo:latest@sha256:36f9c7390e7fdc734501d7797a88b9b661c1f0d1d2a64a1706dfb6ae3ffcef04 0.0s
=> CACHED [database 2/2] WORKDIR /data/db                        0.0s
=> [database] exporting to image                                  0.1s
=> => exporting layers                                           0.0s
=> => exporting manifest sha256:6abf83c2c2d820960ef89516f39aa578e4c4b5c1dd75c41161298ce3f095ab35 0.0s
=> => exporting config sha256:6e47101904efae0b0f076806fa0be4436fe4a98715a2a78da4ffc8c488ee6672b 0.0s
=> => exporting attestation manifest sha256:c1b3bf12403ccab51e71566ac8a416a262484fee17046665de2fb76dad231be8 0.0s
=> => exporting manifest list sha256:69d9d9666d9226c3071f334e949a16dbcab45bc02ea56182a6358a403f51c295 0.0s
=> => naming to docker.io/library/fullstack-todo-list-database:latest 0.0s
=> => unpacking to docker.io/library/fullstack-todo-list-database:latest 0.0s
=> [database] resolving provenance for metadata file             0.0s
=> [backend internal] load build definition from dockerfile      0.0s
=> => transferring dockerfile: 333B                               0.0s
=> [frontend internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/node:lts-alpine 1.2s
=> [backend internal] load .dockerignore                        0.0s
=> => transferring context: 2B                                     0.0s
=> [frontend 1/6] FROM docker.io/library/node:lts-alpine@sha256:9bef0ef1e268f60627da9ba7d7605e8831d5b56ad07487d24d1aa386336d1944 0.0s
=> => resolve docker.io/library/node:lts-alpine@sha256:9bef0ef1e268f60627da9ba7d7605e8831d5b56ad07487d24d1aa386336d1944 0.0s
=> [backend internal] load build context                        0.0s
=> => transferring context: 596B                                    0.0s
=> CACHED [frontend 2/6] WORKDIR /usr/src/app                    0.0s
=> CACHED [backend 3/6] COPY [package.json, package-lock.json*, npm-shrinkwrap.json*, ./] 0.0s
=> CACHED [backend 4/6] RUN npm install --production --silent && mv node_modules ../ 0.0s
=> CACHED [backend 5/6] COPY . . 0.0s
=> CACHED [backend 6/6] RUN chown -R node /usr/src/app           0.0s
=> [backend] exporting to image                                  0.1s
=> => exporting layers                                           0.0s
=> => exporting manifest sha256:f275646996585642eec6472a252d3165077cd220d01f58631c29597024e6b170 0.0s
=> => exporting config sha256:59ce9ef5673c0bc7473a0f3bca8b95b904cf754b227d8641aa0474d6bda81fc2 0.0s
=> => exporting attestation manifest sha256:6a96cf1b76166c6e6fc5df02a0cac3865192ff2e113fcb6577fbed7d1f0fb9d 0.0s
=> => exporting manifest list sha256:0a02dd9eb2184b7c0d7da46d833e4d85f7dfd09a63fc51340755200b774add32 0.0s
=> => naming to docker.io/library/fullstack-todo-list-backend:latest 0.0s
=> => unpacking to docker.io/library/fullstack-todo-list-backend:latest 0.0s
=> [backend] resolving provenance for metadata file             0.0s
=> [frontend internal] load build definition from dockerfile      0.0s
=> => transferring dockerfile: 307B                               0.0s
=> [frontend internal] load .dockerignore                        0.0s
=> => transferring context: 2B                                     0.0s
=> [frontend internal] load build context                        0.1s
=> => transferring context: 307.40kB                              0.0s
=> CACHED [frontend 3/6] COPY [package.json, package-lock.json*, npm-shrinkwrap.json*, ./] 0.0s
=> CACHED [frontend 4/6] RUN npm install --include dev           0.0s
=> [frontend 5/6] COPY . . 0.1s
=> [frontend 6/6] RUN chown -R node /usr/src/app                 61.6s
=> [frontend] exporting to image                                  12.6s
=> => exporting layers                                           6.1s
=> => exporting manifest sha256:23bfec664cf158db08f0e87bd404721c2aa074ed73c412d735c0690505b0cc0 0.0s
=> => exporting config sha256:b0be6762ba1216d19c2193824dccc58a1d11da2278d24fa0f27833f5c84fd69d 0.0s
=> => exporting attestation manifest sha256:131fee7b20cef67e232c684f08df81cef2b916292b3006f1bd2c1fa04e4405f 0.0s
=> => exporting manifest list sha256:a8140facc3f8663791218a8958ccd9cce6c730a7836ad000d16a9d3bd0835713 0.0s
=> => naming to docker.io/library/fullstack-todo-list-frontend:latest 0.0s
=> => unpacking to docker.io/library/fullstack-todo-list-frontend:latest 6.4s
=> [frontend] resolving provenance for metadata file             0.0s
[+] Building 3/3                                                  0.0s
✔ backend Built 0.0s
✔ database Built 0.0s
✔ frontend Built 0.0s

C:\Users\Melat\Desktop\fullstack-todo-list>
```

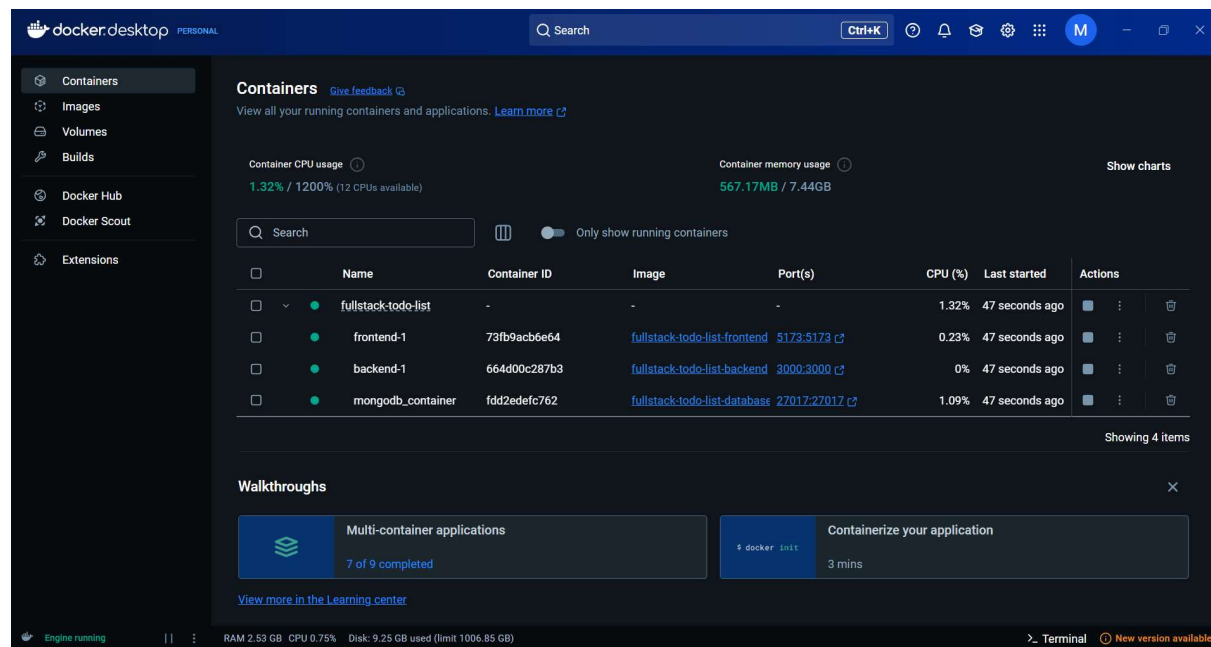
We can see our images on the Docker Desktop Software



Start the Containers:
Run the containers

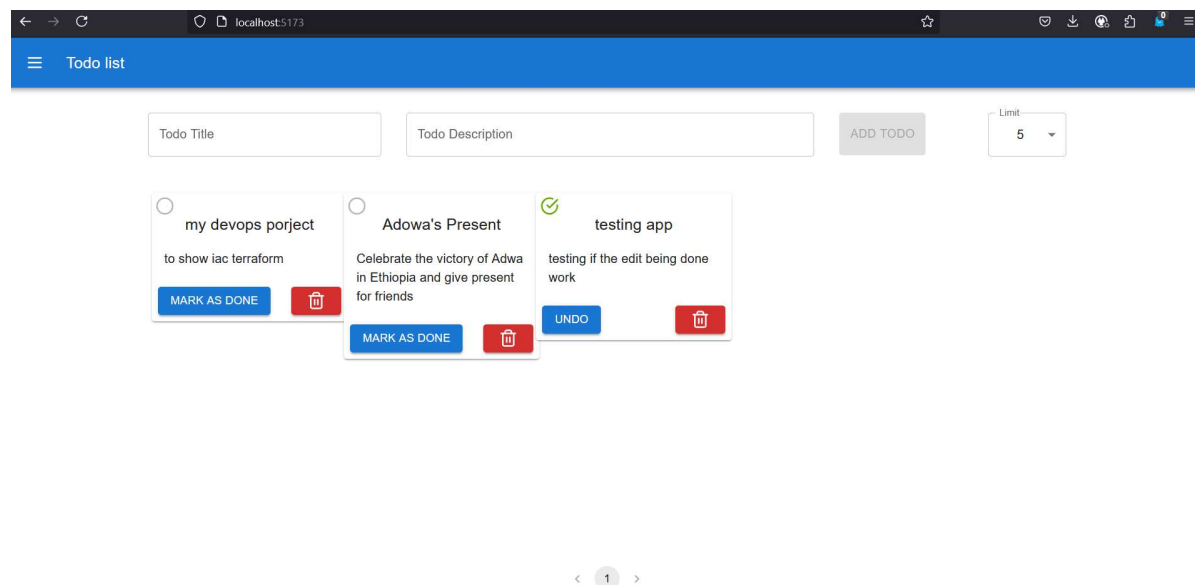
```
C:\Users\Melat\Desktop\fullstack-todo-list>docker-compose up -d
time="2025-03-13T18:35:42+03:00" level=warning msg="C:\\Users\\Melat\\Desktop\\fullstack-todo-list\\docker-compose.yml: the attribute 'version' is obsolete, it will be ignored, please remove it to avoid potential confusion"
[+] Running 3/3
✔ Container mongodb_container Started 0.5s
✔ Container fullstack-todo-list-backend-1 Started 0.9s
✔ Container fullstack-todo-list-frontend-1 Started 1.3s
C:\Users\Melat\Desktop\fullstack-todo-list>
```

And we can see our containers on The Desktop Docker Application

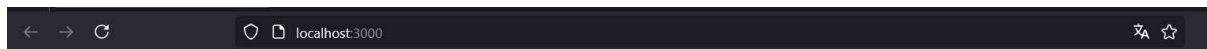


Access the Application:

Frontend: Open your browser and navigate to <http://localhost:5173>.



Backend: You can access the backend API through <http://localhost:3000>.



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Stop the Containers:

To stop the containers, run:

```
C:\Users\Melat\Desktop\fullstack-todo-list>docker-compose down
time="2025-03-13T18:37:10+03:00" level=warning msg="C:\\Users\\Melat\\Desktop\\fullstack-todo-list\\docker-compose.yml: the attribute 'version' is obsolete,
it will be ignored, please remove it to avoid potential confusion"
[*] Running 4/4
✓Container fullstack-todo-list-frontend-1 Removed 0.6s
✓Container fullstack-todo-list-backend-1 Removed 1.0s
✓Container mongodb_container Removed 0.6s
✓Network fullstack-todo-list_app_network Removed 0.7s
C:\Users\Melat\Desktop\fullstack-todo-list>
```