# Docker + MongoDB + Flask Setup Guide

This guide explains how to prepare, install, and test a Flask application connected to MongoDB using Docker.

Preparation

## 1. Download the Source Code

Download the project source code from the provided Google Drive folder.

2. Install Docker (macOS)

Follow Docker Desktop installation for Mac.

Alternatively, using command line:

```
sudo hdiutil attach Docker.dmg
sudo /Volumes/Docker/Docker.app/Contents/MacOS/install
sudo hdiutil detach /Volumes/Docker
```

Check Docker version:

docker --version

3. Install Kubernetes Tools (Optional)

Install **kubectl** and **minikube** using Homebrew:

```
brew install kubectl
brew install minikube
```

Verify installations:

```
kubectl --help
minikube --help
```

## Test on Local Machine

#### 1. Set Up the Environment

Unzip the downloaded file, navigate into the project folder, and install dependencies:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

#### 2. Run MongoDB Using Docker

Pull the official MongoDB image:

docker pull mongo

```
docker pull mongo
Using default tag: latest
latest: Pulling from library/mongo
9eeee0fb9876: Pull complete
b8a35db46e38: Pull complete
fc8964700298: Pull complete
fb403185da21: Pull complete
fb403185da21: Pull complete
f19012efbdb2: Pull complete
f19012efbdb2: Pull complete
b68af00d4552: Pull complete
b19012efbdb2: Pull complete
b19012efbdb2: Pull complete
S68af00d4552: Pull complete
S78af00d4552: Pull complete
b19012efbdb2: Pull complete
```

Run the MongoDB container:

```
docker run -d --name mongodb -p 27017:27017 -v mongo_data:/data/db mongo
```

**Explanation:** -  $\neg d \rightarrow Run$  in detached mode (background) -  $\neg -name mongodb \rightarrow Container name - <math>\neg p$  27017:27017  $\rightarrow Expose MongoDB default port - <math>\neg v mongo\_data:/data/db \rightarrow Persist data using Docker volume - <math>mongo \rightarrow Use the official MongoDB image$ 

Check if the container is running:

docker ps



Figure 1: Docker PS Mongo

## 3. MongoDB Configuration in app.py

The Flask app connects to MongoDB as follows:

```
mongodb_host = os.environ.get('MONGO_HOST', 'localhost')
mongodb_port = int(os.environ.get('MONGO_PORT', '27017'))
client = MongoClient(mongodb_host, mongodb_port)
db = client.camp2016
todos = db.todo
```

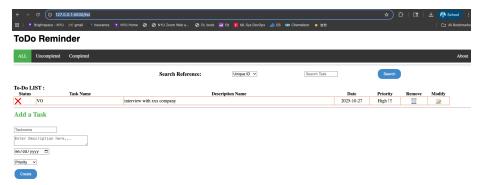
## 4. Start the Flask Application

Run the Flask app:

python3 app.py

Then open your browser and go to:

 $\rm http://127.0.0.1:5000$ 



to verify the application is running locally.

# Inspect Docker Volumes

To check your MongoDB volume:

docker volume inspect mongo\_data
docker volume ls

```
docker volume inspect mongo_data

{
        "CreatedAt": "2025-10-14T17:34:31Z",
        "Driver": "local",
        "Labels": null,
        "Mountpoint": "/var/lib/docker/volumes/mongo_data/_data",
        "Name": "mongo_data",
        "Options": null,
        "Scope": "local"
    }
}

DRIVER VOLUME NAME
local ad5e9c4af71df7749ded8a0adb8ac6d819e951c9bccda34615133fcb9fb3c748
local mongo_data
```

## Inspect MongoDB Data

Access MongoDB shell inside the container:

docker exec -it mongodb mongosh

Then run:

```
use camp2016  # switch to database
show collections  # list collections
db.todo.find().pretty()  # view data inside 'todo' collection
```

You've successfully set up Docker, MongoDB, and Flask locally!

## Containize

```
1.Create a Dockfile for Flask App
```

```
# Use the official Python 3.8 slim image as the base image
FROM python:3.8-slim

# Set the working directory within the container
WORKDIR /app

COPY requirements.txt .

# Upgrade pip and install Python dependencies
RUN pip3 install --upgrade pip && pip install --no-cache-dir -r requirements.txt
# Copy the rest of app
COPY . .
```

```
# Expose Flask port default EXPOSE 5000
```

```
CMD ["python", "app.py"]
```

## 2.build the image

docker build -t flask-app .

### 3. buil the conatiner

```
docker run -d -p 5000:5000 flask-app flask-app
```

#### bug

- MacOS using port 5000 for airplay, need to shut down it to use 5000 port
- pymongo.errors.ServerSelectionTimeoutError: localhost:27017: [Errno 111] Connection refused
  - inside the flask container, localhost means the Flask containner itself, not the host or Mongo cantainer.

client = MongoClient('localhost', 27017)

#### fix it

- using docker-compose.yml
- for localtest manual docker run with --network

#create a bridge network name flasknet, so conatiners on the same network can communicate by docker network create flasknet

```
docker run -d --name mongodb --network flasknet -p 27017:27017 mongo
```

docker run -d --name flask-app --network flasknet -p 5000:5000 flasknet -e MONGO\_HOST=mongod

#### 4. push to Docker Hub

we can create a new tag and push the image to the Docker Hub

```
docker push majiny/flask-app:latest
```

## Deploy to the minikube

Since we have minikube downloaded before, so that we can create the deploy to the minikube.

#### 1. Start minikube

using the doc to start, minikube service

minikube start

Figure 2: Push to DockerHub



Figure 3: Image in DockerHub

#### 2. create the yaml file

- 1. mongodb-pvc.yaml Persistent Storage for MongoDB:
  - persistentVolumeClaim(PVC)-> A request for storage space in Kubernetes.
  - accessModes: ReadWriteOnce-> The volumen can be mounted as read-write by only one node
  - resources.requests.storage-> Requests 256 MB of space.,

MongoDB stores its database files under /data/db. Without a PVC, that data disappears when a 2. mongodb-deployment.yaml - Running MongoDB Pod:

- kind: Deployment-> Ensures a specific # of identical pods run continuously.
- metadata.name-> Deployment name (mongodb-deployment).
- selector/labels-> Used to connect pods, services, and deployments.
- containers-> Defines which image to run (we used mongo:latest).
- containerPort-> MongoDB listens on port 27017 (defauly port for MongoDB).
- aresources.requests-> Reserves 256 MB memory and 0.5 CPU for Mongo.
- volumeMounts-> Mounts the PVC inside the container at /data/db.
- volumes-> Attaches the PVC created earlier (mongodb-pvc)

MongoDB Deployment spins up MongoDB and mounts a persistent volume for storage. Even if the 3. mongodb-service.yaml - Internal Service for MongoDB:

- kind: Service-> exposes a stable endpoint (DNS name) for Mongo pods.
- selector.app: mongo-> Connects this Service to pods with label app: mongo.
- port/ targetPort-> Routes traffic from Service port 27017-> pod port 27017.

Flask can not directly know a pod's IP (pods are dynamic). Instead, it connects to mongo-set 4. flask-deployment.yaml - Flask App Deployment:

- replicas: 1 -> Run on Flask pod (for Minikube demon).
- images: majiny/flask-app-> The flask app we pushed to Docker Hub before.
- containerPort: 5000 -> Flask runs internally on port 5000.
- en variables -> Tell Flask where to find MongoDB.
  - MONGO\_HOST=mongo-service
  - MONGO\_PORT=27017
- imagePullyPolicy: IfNotPresent->Uses a cached local image if available

This defines the application container. It runs Flask, connects to MongoDB vai service name 5. flask-service.yaml - Exposing Flask to the Outside World:

- type: LoadBalancer -> Create an external access point/ outside cluster.
- port: 5000 -> Port exposed to the world.
- targetPort: 5000 -> Port inside the pod where Flaks runs.
- selector.app: to-do \_> Link to Flaks pod labeld app: to-do

This lets users access ahte Flask app from outside Kubernetes.

#### 3. deploy service

using the code to deploy the service.

kubectl apply -f mongodb-pvc.yaml

kubectl apply -f mongodb-service.yaml

kubectl apply -f mongodb-deployment.yaml

kubectl apply -f flask-deployment.yaml

kubectl apply -f flask-service.yaml

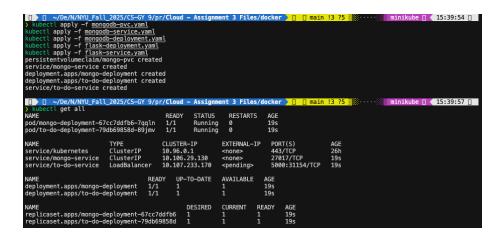


Figure 4: Deploy On Minikube

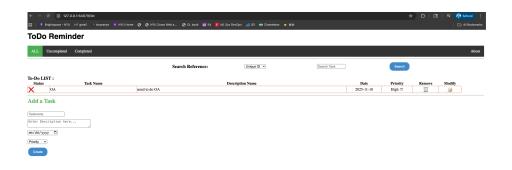
## 4. Test the app in Minikube

To ensure it is running on Minikube by accessing it using the service URL minikube service to-do-service



Figure 5: Minikube service

and we can see the URL address is http://127.0.0.1:64879 and we can visited the



site by using this URL.

## Deploy to AWS EKS

## 1. download AWS CLI

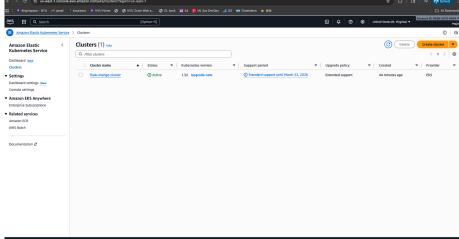
```
curl "https://awscli.amazonaws.com/AWSCLIV2.pkg" -o "AWSCLIV2.pkg"
sudo installer -pkg AWSCLIV2.pkg -target /

$ which aws
/usr/local/bin/aws
$ aws --version
aws-cli/2.31.9 Python/3.13.7 Darwin/25.1.0 source/arm64
```

#### 2. Create cluster

the easy we to create the cluster, we can use [eksctl][https://docs.aws.amazon.com/eks/latest/userguide/getting started-eksctl.html]

```
eksctl create cluster \
   --name flask-mongo-cluster \
   --region us-east-1 \
   --nodes 1 \
   --node-type t3.micro
```



After launch, we can see Causelle restaut

since there we limited cpu as 500m and memory: 256Mi. and when we trying to deploy the app, there in no engough resource, so it in the pending state

using the kubectl to check why it is pending

```
kubectl describe pod <POD_ID>
```

delete the resource we had before and rebuild

eksctl delete cluster --name flask-mongo-cluster --region us-east-1

```
eksctl create cluster \
   --name flask-mongo-cluster \
   --region us-east-1 \
   --nodegroup-name flask-nodegroup \
   --nodes 2 \
   --nodes-min 1 \
   --nodes-max 3 \
   --managed \
   --node-type t3.small
```

```
The continues of the co
```

Figure 6: kubectl\_describe

### 3. set up addon

Since we want to use pvc storage we need to Enable OIDC provbider (required for IAM-> K8s mapping)

```
eksctl utils associate-iam-oidc-provider \
  --region us-east-1 \
  --cluster flask-mongo-cluster \
  --approve
then create IAM role for the EBS CSI driver
eksctl create iamserviceaccount \
  --region us-east-1 \
  --name ebs-csi-controller-sa \
 --namespace kube-system \
 --cluster flask-mongo-cluster \
  --attach-policy-arn arn:aws:iam::aws:policy/service-role/AmazonEBSCSIDriverPolicy \
  --approve \
  --role-name AmazonEKS_EBS_CSI_DriverRole
Install the AWS EBS CSI driver add-on
aws eks create-addon \
  --region us-east-1 \
  --cluster-name flask-mongo-cluster \
  --addon-name aws-ebs-csi-driver \
  --service-account-role-arn arn:aws:iam::<id>:role/AmazonEKS_EBS_CSI_DriverRole #use the
```

To verify installation

kubectl get pods -n kube-system | grep ebs

```
l get pods —n kube—system |
ebs-csi-controller-5d97d64f67-gqkfh
                                       6/6
                                                Running
                                                                     3m43s
                                                          0
ebs-csi-controller-5d97d64f67-qvltw
                                       6/6
                                                          0
                                                                     3m43s
                                                Running
                                                                     3m43s
ebs-csi-node-2k2dt
                                       3/3
                                                Running
                                                          0
ebs-csi-node-bhpm4
                                                                     3m43s
                                       3/3
                                                Running
                                                          0
```

### 4. deploy to eks To get pvc running we run same code we had as we deploy to the Minikube

kubectl apply -f mongodb-pvc.yaml
kubectl get pvc

```
| wheeling apply - f mongodb-pvc.yaml persistentvolumeclaim/mongo-pvc created | mongodb-pvc.yaml persistentvolumeclaim/mongo-pvc created | mongodb-pvc.yaml persistentvolumeclaim/mongo-pvc created | mongodb-pvc.yaml persistentvolumeclaim/mongo-pvc created | mongo-pvc created | mongo-pvc pending | mongo-pvc
```

we will see there is still no VOLUME, CAPACITY, ACCESS, and MODES by checking pvc mongo-pvc

kubectl describe pvc mongo-pvc

we see the message waiting for first Consumer to be created before binding

After we apply mongo-deployment

```
kubectl apply -f mongodbv-deployment.yaml
kubectl get pods
kubectl get pvc
```

Figure 7: complete PVC

then we apply reset of yaml file

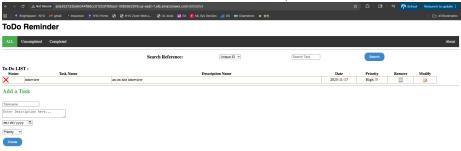
```
kubectl apply -f mongodb-service.yaml
kubectl apply -f flask-deployment.yaml
kubectl apply -f flask-service.yaml
kubectl get all
```

```
| NAME | READY | NAME | NA
```

Figure 8: k8s aws

The all nodes are running, and we have a external-ip for our to-do-service but we can not visited yet, it takes time to set up waiting\_external\_ip

now we can use http://a0a352132be6044f88cc012031f6faa3-1095562976.us-east-1.elb.amazonaws.com:5000/ to visited our application



## Deployments and ReplicaSets

Before we change the replicas 1 we have defined replicas as 1

spec:
 repl

replicas: 1

after we change it to 5

spec:

```
| Ready | STATUS | RESTARTS | ACE |
```

Figure 9: get\_all\_re1

replicas: 5
kubectl apply -f flask-deployment.yaml
# Verify the ReplicasSet
kubectl get all
kubectl get rs

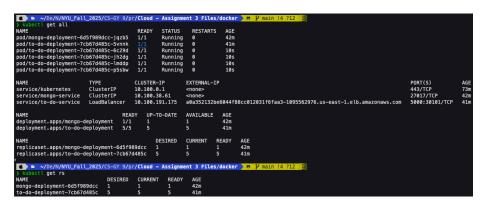


Figure 10: Verify ReplicasSet

When we delete the pod we need to know the pod name

kubectl get pods

 $\verb|kubectl|| delete pod to-do-deployment-7cb67d485c-5vnnk|| to-do-deployment-7cb67d485c-6c29d|| kubectl|| get pods||$ 

we will see the two pods were deleted, and by checking pods we will see two new

```
~/De/N/NYU_Fall_2025/CS-GY 9/pr/Cloud - Assignment 3 Files/docker ) ♥ 🖟 main !4 ?12
                             tl get pods
                                                                                    RESTARTS
                    NAME
                                                               READY
                                                                        STATUS
                                                                                                 AGE
                    mongo-deployment-6d5f989dcc-jqzb5
                                                                                                 47m
46m
                                                              1/1
1/1
                                                                        Running
                    to-do-deployment-7cb67d485c-5vnnk
to-do-deployment-7cb67d485c-6c29d
                                                                        Running
                                                               1/1
                                                                        Running
                                                                                                 5m21s
                    to-do-deployment-7cb67d485c-jh2dg
                                                               1/1
                                                                        Running
                                                                                    0 0 0
                                                                                                 5m21s
                    to-do-deployment-7cb67d485c-lmddp
                                                                        Running
                                                                                                 5m21s
                    to-do-deployment-7cb67d485c-p5sbw
                                                               1/1
                                                                                                 5m21s
                                                                        Running
                    ~/De/N/NYU_Fall_2025/CS-GY
                                                                          – Assignment 3 Files/docker 🕽 💆 🤾
                    > kubectl delete pod to-do-deployment-7cb67d485c-5vnnk to-do-deployment-7cb67d485c-6c29d pod "to-do-deployment-7cb67d485c-5vnnk" deleted from default namespace pod "to-do-deployment-7cb67d485c-6c29d" deleted from default namespace
                    ctl get pods
                    NAME
                                                                                    RESTARTS
                                                               READY
                                                                        STATUS
                                                                                                 AGE
                    mongo-deployment-6d5f989dcc-jqzb5
                                                              1/1
1/1
                                                                        Running
                                                                                                 48m
                    to-do-deployment-7cb67d485c-9gtjd
to-do-deployment-7cb67d485c-fddc5
                                                                        Running
                                                                                                 9s
                                                                        Running
                                                                                                 9s
                    to-do-deployment-7cb67d485c-jh2dg
to-do-deployment-7cb67d485c-lmddp
                                                               1/1
                                                                        Running
                                                                                                 6m31s
                                                               1/1
                                                                        Running
                                                                                                 6m31s
pods created to-do-deployment-7cb67d485c-p5sbw
                                                                                                 6m31s
```

we can scale down the replicas without changing yaml file

kubectl scale deployment to-do-deployment --replicas=3

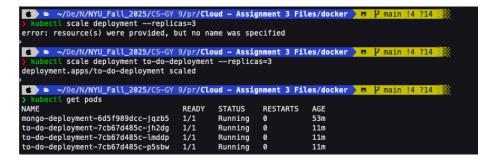


Figure 11: CLI scaled down