Exp 5.1 Dockerize a React Application with Multi-Stage Build.

FROM node:18-alpine AS build # Set working directory WORKDIR /app # Install dependencies separately to leverage caching COPY package*.json ./ RUN npm install --legacy-peer-deps # Copy rest of the application COPY ... # Build React app RUN npm run build # ----- Stage 2: Production -----FROM nginx:stable-alpine # Copy built React app to Nginx html folder COPY --from=build /app/build /usr/share/nginx/html # Copy custom Nginx config COPY nginx.conf /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf # Expose port 80 **EXPOSE 80**

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# Start Nginx
CMD ["nginx", "-g", "daemon off;"]
server {
listen 80;

location / {
  root /usr/share/nginx/html;
  index index.html index.htm;
  try_files $uri /index.html;
}

error_page 500 502 503 504 /index.html;
}

# Build image
docker build -t react-app .

# Run container
docker run -p 3000:80 react-app
```

output:

\$ docker build -t react-app .

Sample Output

[+] Building 33.7s (12/12) FINISHED		
=> [internal] load build definition from Dockerfile	0.1s	
=> [internal] load .dockerignore	0.0s	
=> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/node	e:18-alpine	1.2s
=> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/nginx:stable-alpine 1.1s		
=> [build 1/6] FROM docker.io/library/node:18-alpine@sha256: 0.0s		
=> [build 2/6] WORKDIR /app	0.0s	
=> [build 3/6] COPY package*.json ./	0.0s	
=> [build 4/6] RUN npm installlegacy-peer-deps	10.5s	
=> [build 5/6] COPY	0.2s	
=> [build 6/6] RUN npm run build	17.0s	
=> [stage-1 1/3] FROM docker.io/library/nginx:stable-alpine@sha256: 0.0s		
=> [stage-1 2/3] COPYfrom=build /app/build /usr/share/nginx/html 0.1s		
=> [stage-1 3/3] COPY nginx.conf /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf 0.0s		
=> exporting to image	3.5s	
=> => exporting layers	3.4s	
=> => writing image sha256:abcd1234	0.0s	
=> => naming to docker.io/library/react-app	0.0s	

Successfully built react-app

▶ Run Container

\$ docker run -p 3000:80 react-app

Sample Output

/docker-entrypoint.sh: Configuration complete; ready for start up

2025/09/26 12:10:10 [notice] 1#1: using the "epoll" event method

2025/09/26 12:10:10 [notice] 1#1: nginx/1.25.3

2025/09/26 12:10:10 [notice] 1#1: built by gcc 12.2.1

2025/09/26 12:10:10 [notice] 1#1: OS: Linux 5.15.0

2025/09/26 12:10:10 [notice] 1#1: start worker processes