

LAB 1: Running First Docker Container

Step 1: Setting Up the Project Directory

1. **Create a project directory:**

```
mkdir my-docker-lab  
cd my-docker-lab
```

Step 2: Creating the Dockerfile

2. **Create a file named Dockerfile:**

```
touch Dockerfile
```

3. **Open the Dockerfile in a text editor** (e.g., nano, vim, or any code editor of your choice):

```
nano Dockerfile
```

4. **Add the following content to the Dockerfile:**

```
# Use an official Ubuntu as a parent image  
FROM ubuntu:latest  
  
# Set the maintainer label (optional)  
LABEL maintainer="your-email@example.com"  
  
# Update the package repository and install Python  
RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y python3  
  
# Set the working directory in the container  
WORKDIR /usr/src/app  
  
# Copy the current directory contents into the container at /usr/src/app  
COPY . .  
  
# Make port 80 available to the world outside this container  
EXPOSE 80  
  
# Define the command to run the application  
CMD ["python3", "-m", "http.server", "80"]
```

Step 3: Creating Content for the Container

5. **Create a simple HTML file to serve:**

```
touch index.html
```

6. **Open the index.html file in a text editor** and add the following content:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html lang="en">
```

```
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
  <title>Welcome to Docker Lab</title>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>Welcome to Docker Lab</h1>
  <p>This is a simple web page served by a Docker container.</p>
</body>
</html>
```

Step 4: Building the Docker Image

7. Build the Docker image from the Dockerfile:

```
docker build -t my-simple-webserver .
```

Explanation:

- docker build: Command to build an image from a Dockerfile.
- -t my-simple-webserver: Tags the image with the name my-simple-webserver.
- .: Specifies the current directory as the build context.

Step 5: Running the Docker Container

8. Run a container from the image you just built:

```
docker run -d -p 80:80 --name my-webserver my-simple-webserver
```

Explanation:

- -d: Runs the container in detached mode (in the background).
- -p 80:80: Maps port 80 on the host to port 80 in the container.
- --name my-webserver: Names the container my-webserver.
- my-simple-webserver: Specifies the image to use.