Lab 2: Docker

Learning objectives

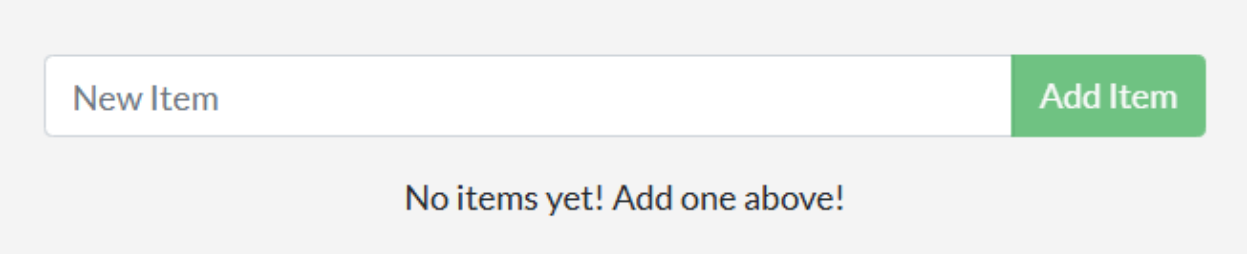
By the end of this lab, students will be able to:

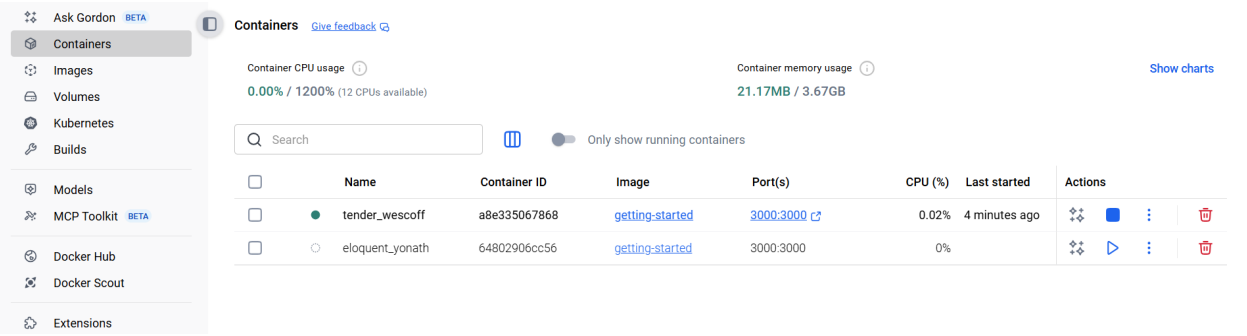
- Understand and explain key Docker concepts: images, containers, and registries.
- Create a Dockerfile to containerize a simple Node.js or Python web app.
- Build and tag Docker images using the CLI.
- Run containers and map ports between host and container.
- Push and pull images to and from Docker Hub.
- Use volumes and bind mounts for persistent storage.
- Define and deploy multi-container applications with Docker Compose.

Git Link: https://github.com/Somawatey/Khov-Somawatey-Lab2-docker

Part 1: Containerize an application

I successfully built the Docker image and ran the container. The application worked correctly in the browser on my local machine.





Part2: update application

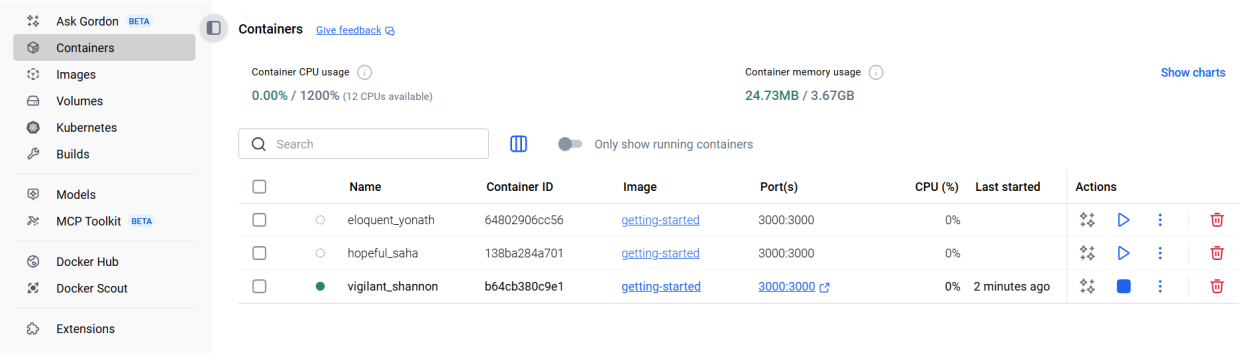
The previous container with ID **a8e335067868** was removed because it caused an error. I followed the instructions by checking the container ID, stopping it, and then removing it.

After updating, I rebuilt and restarted the new container, and the updated application worked properly.

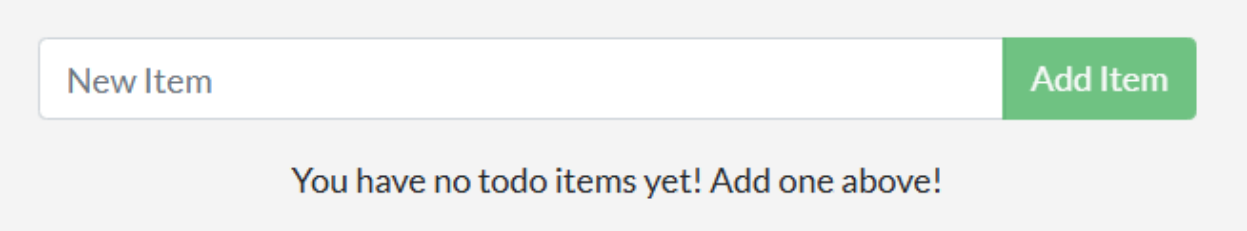
```
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker run -dp 127.0.0.1:3000:3000 getting-started
138ba284a701aa5c9e921aafb8d7c8fb91fe47edf1c3e6071e619b0e92fae49d
docker: Error response from daemon: failed to set up container networking: driver failed programming external connectivity on endpoint hop

PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker ps
a8e335067868   8a58f9279a9d   "docker-entrypoint.s…"   8 minutes ago   Up 8 minutes   127.0.0.1:3000->3000/tcp   tender_wescoff
```

```
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker stop a8e335067868
a8e335067868
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker rm a8e335067868
a8e335067868
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker run -dp 127.0.0.1:3000:3000 getting-started
b64cb380c9e1ddd93cf085c1d2d57644fc4b643a1b3f56002934de1b9f6f0379
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app>
```

After updating the container

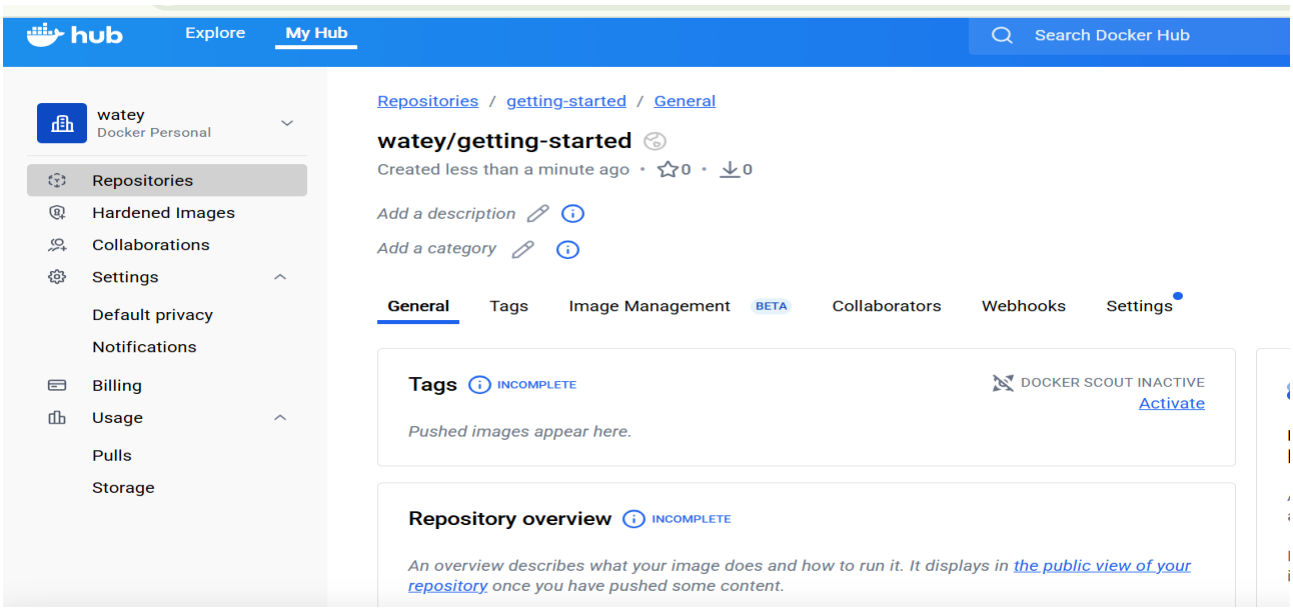


After updating the application, I replaced the old container.



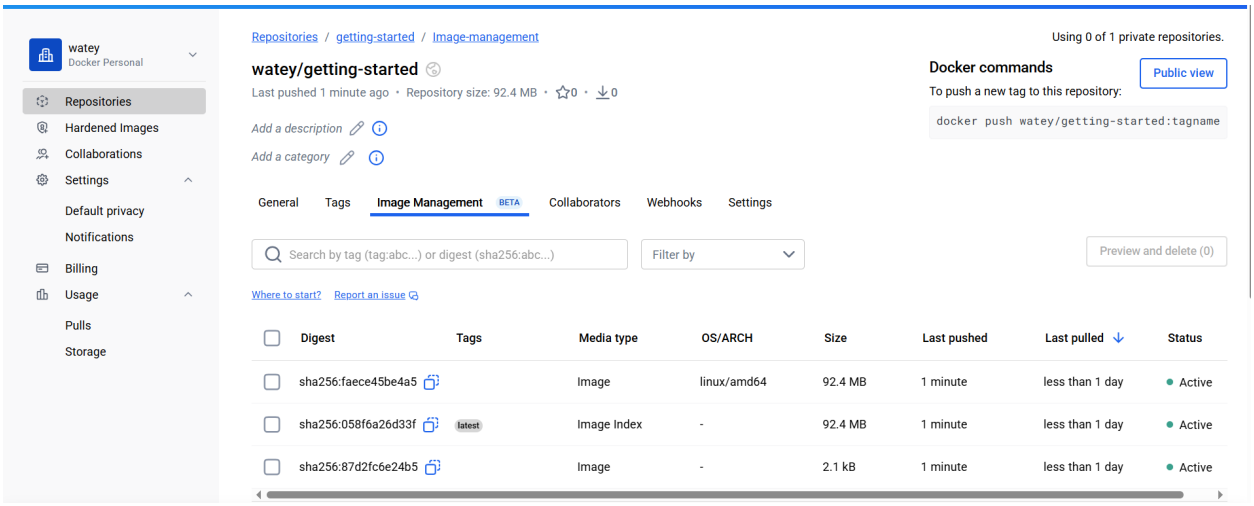
Part3: Share Application

I created a new repository on Docker Hub.

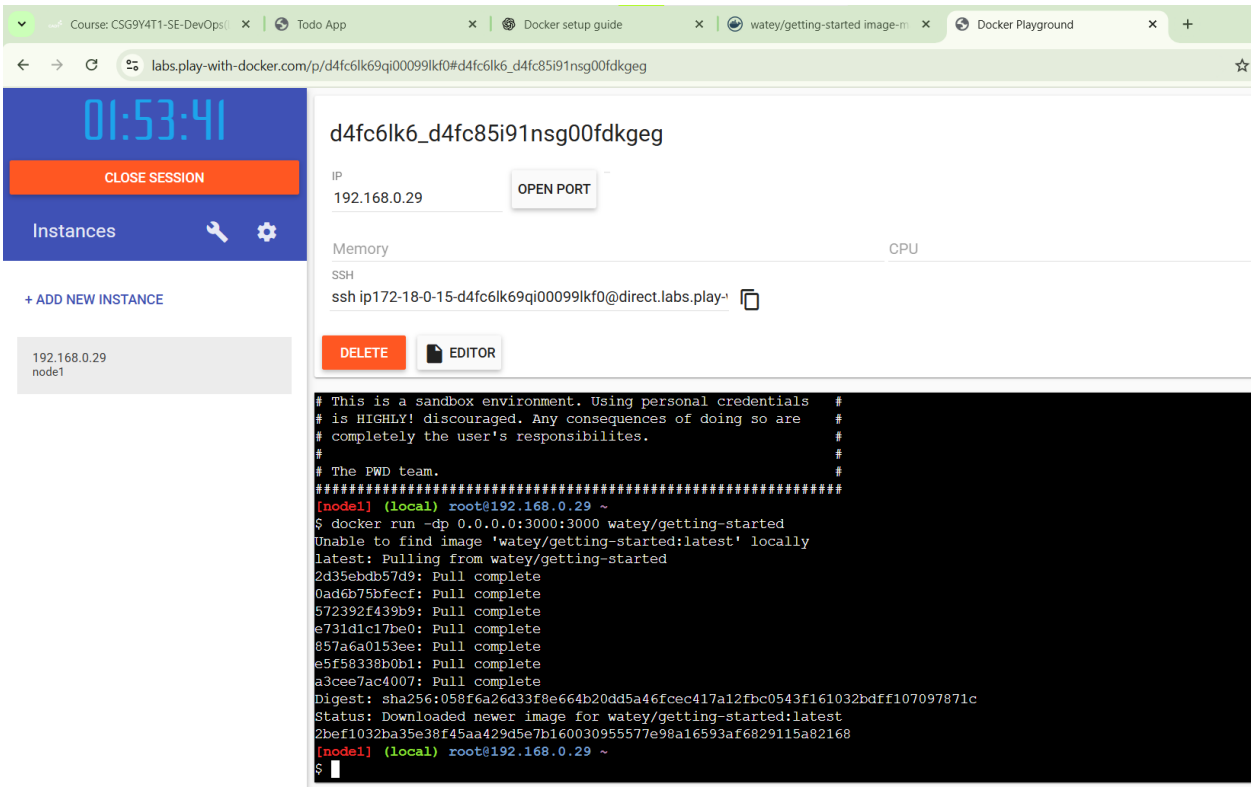


Then I pushed my Docker image to Docker Hub successfully.

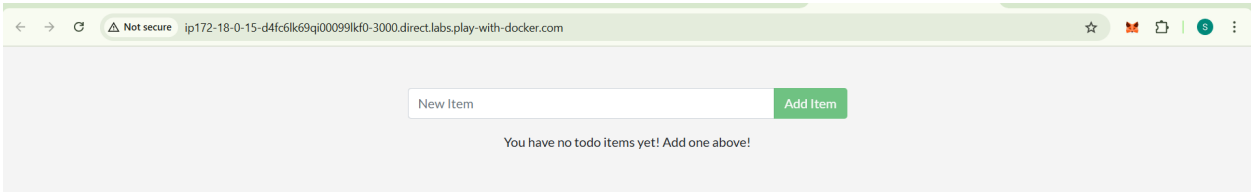
```
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker push watey/getting-started
Using default tag: latest
The push refers to repository [docker.io/watey/getting-started]
e731d1c17be0: Pushed
857a6a0153ee: Pushed
572392f439b9: Pushed
2d35ebdb57d9: Pushed
15cd7b61ea5c: Pushed
a3cee7ac4007: Pushed
0ad6b75bfecf: Pushed
latest: digest: sha256:058f6a26d33f8e664b20dd5a46fcec417a12fbc0543f161032bdff107097871c size: 85
6
REPOSITORY              TAG       IMAGE ID       CREATED          SIZE
getting-started         latest    058f6a26d33f   25 minutes ago   391MB
watey/getting-started   latest    058f6a26d33f   25 minutes ago   391MB
watey/getting-started   tagname   058f6a26d33f   25 minutes ago   391MB
```



After that, I tested the image using **Play With Docker**.



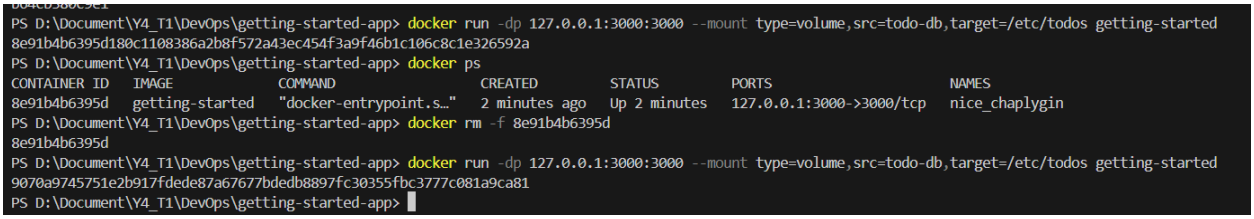
I ran the container and opened port **3000**, and the web app worked correctly in the online environment.

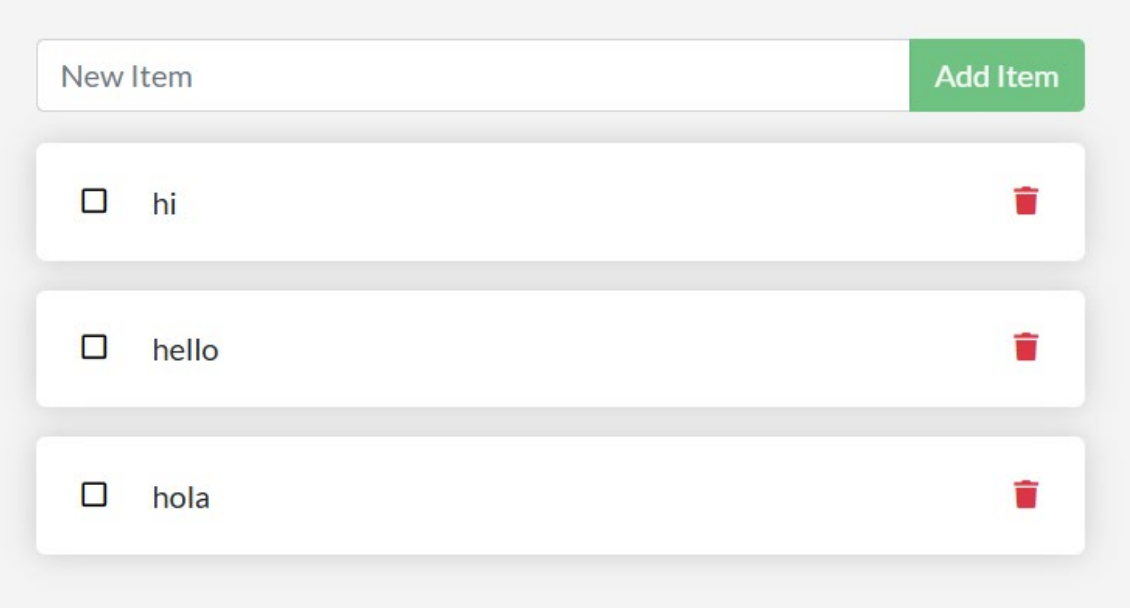


Part 4: Persist the DB

I ran a new container and created items in the list on port **3000**.

Then I removed the container and started a new one. The data still existed, meaning the volume worked correctly and the data was persistent.





I also checked where Docker stores the data.
The **Mountpoint** shows the actual location of the stored data on the host machine.

```
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker volume inspect todo-db
[
    {
        "CreatedAt": "2025-11-20T07:51:14Z",
        "Driver": "local",
        "Labels": null,
        "Mountpoint": "/var/lib/docker/volumes/todo-db/_data",
        "Name": "todo-db",
        "Options": null,
        "Scope": "local"
    }
]
```

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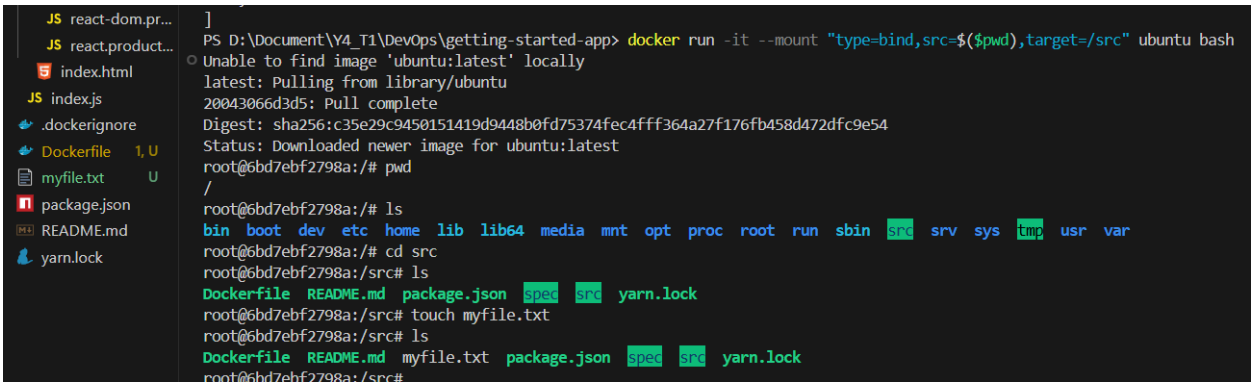
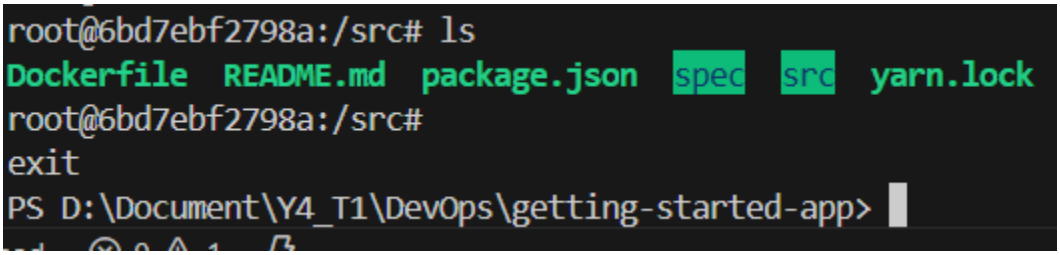
Part 5: Use bind mounts

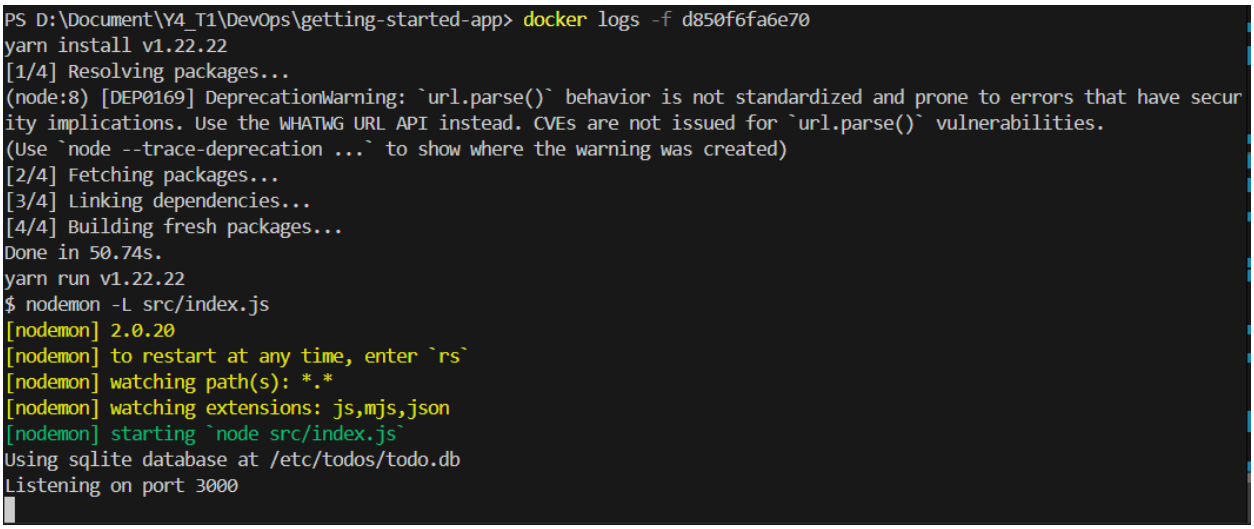
I created a myfile.txt file inside the src directory using the container. The file appeared both inside the container and on the host system.



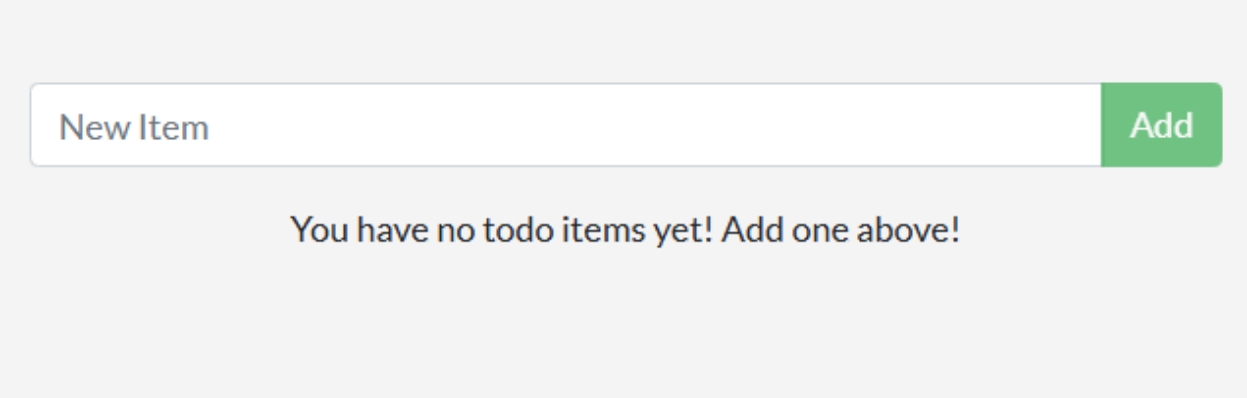
After deleting the file from the host, it was also removed from the container.



This proved the bind mount synchronization between host and container.



I also updated the UI text from **“Add Item”** to **“Add ”**, and the changes were visible immediately.



Part6: Multi-container apps

I created a new database named **todos**.

```
Enter password:
Your MySQL connection id is 8
Server version: 8.0.44 MySQL Community Server - GPL

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql> SHOW DATABASES;
+--------------------+
| Database           |
+--------------------+
| information_schema |
| mysql              |
| performance_schema |
| sys                |
| todos              |
+--------------------+
5 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> exit
Bye
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app>
```

By checking the Docker logs, I confirmed that the app successfully connected to the MySQL database running on the host named mysql.

```
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker logs -f b3277a7c4f81
yarn install v1.22.22
[1/4] Resolving packages...
(node:8) [DEP0169] DeprecationWarning: `url.parse()` behavior is not standardized and
rs that have security implications. Use the WHATWG URL API instead. CVEs are not issue
rse()` vulnerabilities.
(Use `node --trace-deprecation ...` to show where the warning was created)
success Already up-to-date.
Done in 0.32s.
yarn run v1.22.22
$ nodemon -L src/index.js
[nodemon] 2.0.20
[nodemon] to restart at any time, enter `rs`
[nodemon] watching path(s): *.*
[nodemon] watching extensions: js,mjs,json
[nodemon] starting `node src/index.js`
Waiting for mysql:3306.
Connected!
Connected to mysql db at host mysql
Listening on port 3000
```

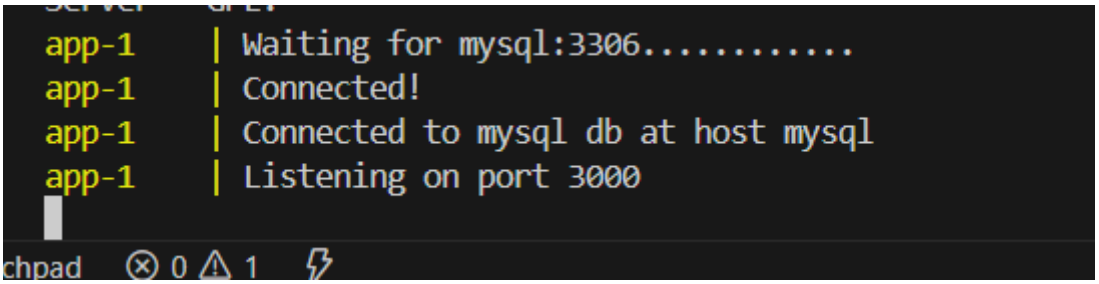
I also checked the MySQL container to verify that the data added through the app was correctly stored in the database.

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM todo_items;
+--------------------------------------+-------+-----------+
| id                                   | name  | completed |
+--------------------------------------+-------+-----------+
| 72b5c2a3-940c-4133-b7b0-3d79e61a7212 | hii   |         0 |
| d4712b10-5a98-46ae-90c6-69ec560989ef | doing |         0 |
+--------------------------------------+-------+-----------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql>
```

Part 7: Use Docker Compose

With Docker Compose, the application now connects to MySQL automatically. Running docker compose logs -f allowed me to see the real-time logs for both services.



I also checked to verify that the data added through the app was correctly stored in the database.

```
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker exec -it getting-started-app-mysql-1 mysql
-p todos
Enter password:
Reading table information for completion of table and column names
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A

Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 10
Server version: 8.0.44 MySQL Community Server - GPL

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql> SELECT * FROM todo_items;
Empty set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SELECT * FROM todo_items;
+--------------------------------------+---------+-----------+
| id                                   | name    | completed |
+--------------------------------------+---------+-----------+
| 1dc0f216-82db-49c8-ac8f-9de38b0ec911 | compose |         0 |
| d2c09304-8c42-4939-a141-31497ba00ab9 | test    |         0 |
+--------------------------------------+---------+-----------+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql>
```

Docker Compose

- Single command to start/stop entire application
- Version controlled configuration
- Automatic network creation
- Easy to share with team members

Part 8: Image-building best practices

After clearing the cache and rebuilding the application, the system ran faster and the updated changes were applied correctly.

```
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker build -t getting-started .
[+] Building 23.5s (11/11) FINISHED                                  docker:desktop-linux
 => => transferring dockerfile: 176B                                                0.0s
 => resolve image config for docker-image://docker.io/docker/dockerfile:1           0.4s
 => CACHED docker-image://docker.io/docker/dockerfile:1@sha256:b6afd42430b15f2d2a4c5a02b919e98  0.0s
 => => resolve docker.io/docker/dockerfile:1@sha256:b6afd42430b15f2d2a4c5a02b919e98a525b785b1a  0.0s
 => [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/node:lts-alpine                  0.3s
 => [internal] load .dockerignore                                                   0.0s
 => => transferring context: 66B                                                    0.0s
 => [1/4] FROM docker.io/library/node:lts-alpine@sha256:2867d550cf9d8bb50059a0fff528741f11a84d  0.0s
 => => resolve docker.io/library/node:lts-alpine@sha256:2867d550cf9d8bb50059a0fff528741f11a84d  0.0s
 => [internal] load build context                                                   0.0s
 => => transferring context: 10.60kB                                                0.0s
 => CACHED [2/4] WORKDIR /app                                                       0.0s
 => [3/4] COPY . .                                                                  0.1s
 => [4/4] RUN yarn install --production                                            16.0s
 => exporting to image                                                              6.1s
 => => exporting layers                                                             3.8s
 => => exporting manifest sha256:f9d8938ea8088a9d0164f40566cc7d4848894529f7ec87c5f243c2e843a9c  0.0s
 => => exporting config sha256:8f4586a0ab3c0e60fbd4814337a4dd7443161787f03d068068454ff7b3d113d  0.0s
 => => exporting attestation manifest sha256:66d516d38197afcd105103f0379db3c666b1b906f68015209  0.0s
 => => exporting manifest list sha256:c6b030b05f75c75d2a125936669d84e2e99c5bf8cffbe4cd533dc487  0.0s
 => => naming to docker.io/library/getting-started:latest                           0.0s
 => => unpacking to docker.io/library/getting-started:latest                        2.1s
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker build -t getting-started .
[+] Building 54.9s (11/11) FINISHED                                  docker:desktop-linux
```

Rebuild and check what change.