

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.

The screenshot shows the Docker UI interface. At the top, there is a header with "New Item" and "Add Item" buttons. Below the header, a message says "No items yet! Add one above!". On the left, there is a sidebar with various options: Ask Gordon (BETA), Containers (selected), Images, Volumes, Kubernetes, Builds, Models, MCP Toolkit (BETA), Docker Hub, Docker Scout, and Extensions. In the main area, there is a summary section with "Container CPU usage" (0.00% / 1200%) and "Container memory usage" (21.17MB / 3.67GB). Below this, there is a search bar and a checkbox for "Only show running containers". A table lists two containers:

	Name	Container ID	Image	Port(s)	CPU (%)	Last started	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	tender_wescoff	a8e335067868	getting-started	3000:3000 ↗	0.02%	4 minutes ago	
<input type="checkbox"/>	eloquent_yonath	64802906cc56	getting-started	3000:3000	0%		

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

Name	Container ID	Image	Port(s)	CPU (%)	Last started	Actions
eloquent_yonath	64802906cc56	getting-started	3000:3000	0%		
hopeful_saha	138ba284a701	getting-started	3000:3000	0%		
vigilant_shannon	b64cb380c9e1	getting-started	3000:3000	0%	2 minutes ago	

After updating the application, I replaced the old container.

New Item

Add Item

You have no todo items yet! Add one above!

Part3: Share Application

I created a new repository on Docker Hub.

The screenshot shows the Docker Hub interface. In the top navigation bar, 'hub' is on the left, followed by 'Explore' and 'My Hub' (which is underlined). A search bar on the right contains the placeholder 'Search Docker Hub'. Below the navigation, there's a sidebar on the left with a user icon and the name 'watey' (Docker Personal). The sidebar has sections for 'Repositories', 'Hardened Images', 'Collaborations', 'Settings', 'Default privacy', 'Notifications', 'Billing', 'Usage', 'Pulls', and 'Storage'. The main content area shows the 'General' tab for the repository 'watey/getting-started'. It displays a message 'Created less than a minute ago' with a star icon and a downvote icon. There are buttons to 'Add a description' and 'Add a category'. Below these are tabs for 'General', 'Tags', 'Image Management' (marked as BETA), 'Collaborators', 'Webhooks', and 'Settings'. Under the 'General' tab, there's a section for 'Tags' with a status 'INCOMPLETE' and a note 'Pushed images appear here.' To the right, there's a 'DOCKER SCOUT INACTIVE' section with a 'Activate' button. Another section below is titled 'Repository overview' with a status 'INCOMPLETE' and a note about displaying the public view of the repository once content is pushed.

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: sha256:058f6a26d33f8e664b20dd5a46fcec417a12fb0543f161032bdff107097871c size: 85
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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
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker run -it 058f6a26d33f:latest
```

The screenshot shows the Docker Personal interface for the 'watey/getting-started' repository. The left sidebar includes sections for Repositories, Hardened Images, Collaborations, Settings, Default privacy, Notifications, Billing, Usage, Pulls, and Storage. The main area displays repository details: 'Last pushed 1 minute ago', 'Repository size: 92.4 MB', '0 stars', and '0 forks'. It features tabs for General, Tags, and Image Management (BETA), with 'Image Management' currently selected. A search bar allows searching by tag or digest, and a filter dropdown is available. A 'Docker commands' section provides a command to push a new tag: 'docker push watey/getting-started:tagname'. A 'Public view' button is also present. The central part of the screen lists three image entries:

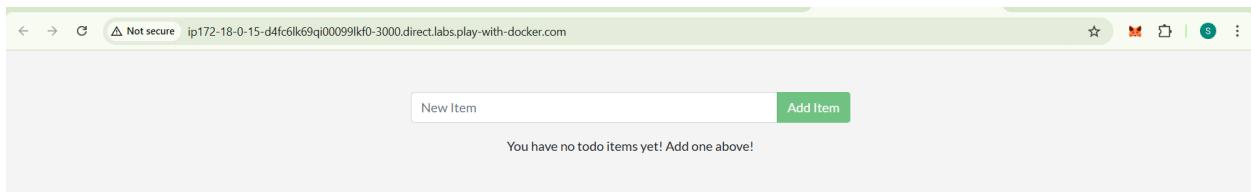
Digest	Tags	Media type	OS/ARCH	Size	Last pushed	Last pulled	Status	
sha256:faece45be45		Image	linux/amd64	92.4 MB	1 minute	less than 1 day		Active
sha256:058f6a26d33f	latest	Image Index	-	92.4 MB	1 minute	less than 1 day		Active
sha256:87d2fc6e24b5		Image	-	2.1 kB	1 minute	less than 1 day		Active

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

The screenshot shows a Docker container interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Course: CSG9Y4T1-SE-DevOps', 'Todo App', 'Docker setup guide', 'watey/getting-started image', and 'Docker Playground'. Below the tabs, the URL is 'labs.play-with-docker.com/p/d4fc6lk69qi00099lkf0#d4fc6lk6_d4fc85i91nsg00fdkgeg'. The main area has a digital clock showing '01:53:41' and a button to 'CLOSE SESSION'. Below the clock are sections for 'Instances' (with one entry '192.168.0.29 node1') and 'CPU'. A terminal window is open with the command:

```
# This is a sandbox environment. Using personal credentials
# is HIGHLY! discouraged. Any consequences of doing so are
# completely the user's responsibilites.
#
# The PWD team.
#####
[node1] (local) root@192.168.0.29 ~
$ docker run -dp 0.0.0.0:3000:3000 watey/getting-started
Unable to find image 'watey/getting-started:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from watey/getting-started
2d35ebdb57d9: Pull complete
0ad6b75bfecf: Pull complete
572392f439b9: Pull complete
e731d1c17be0: Pull complete
857a6a0153ee: Pull complete
e5f58338b0b1: Pull complete
a3cee7a4c007: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:058f6a26d33f8e664b20dd5a46fcec417a12fbc0543f161032bdff107097871c
Status: Downloaded newer image for watey/getting-started:latest
2bef1032ba35e38f45aa429d5e7b160030955577e98a16593af6829115a82168
[node1] (local) root@192.168.0.29 ~
$
```

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

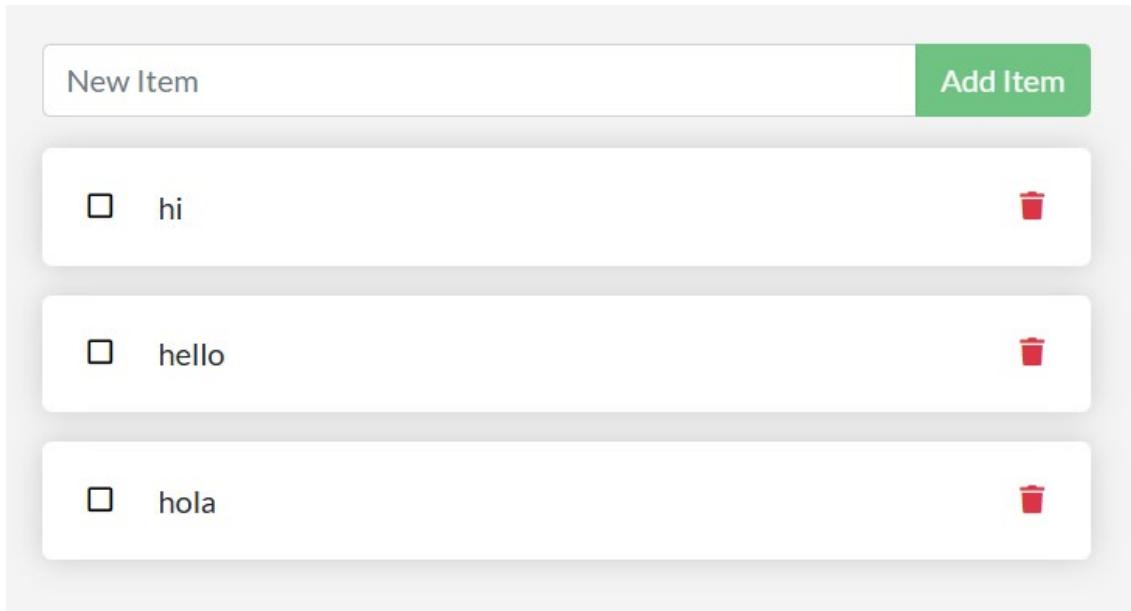


Part 4: Persist the DB

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.

```
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker run -dp 127.0.0.1:3000:3000 --mount type=volume,src=todo-db,target=/etc/todos getting-started
8e91b4b6395d180c1108386a2b8f572a3ec454f3a9f46b1c106c8c1e326592a
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES
8e91b4b6395d getting-started "docker-entrypoint.s..." 2 minutes ago Up 2 minutes 127.0.0.1:3000->3000/tcp nice_chaplygin
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker rm -f 8e91b4b6395d
8e91b4b6395d
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker run -dp 127.0.0.1:3000:3000 --mount type=volume,src=todo-db,target=/etc/todos getting-started
9070a9745751e2b917fddede87a67677bd8897fc30355fbcc3777c081a9ca81
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app>
```



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"
  }
]
```

The **Mountpoint** shows the actual location of the stored data on the host machine.

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.

```

| JS react-dom.pr...
| JS react.product...
| index.html
JS index.js
.dockerignore
Dockerfile 1, U
 myfile.txt U
 package.json
 README.md
 yarn.lock

PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker run -it --mount "type=bind,src=$pwd,target=/src" ubuntu bash
] 
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker run -it --mount "type=bind,src=$pwd,target=/src" ubuntu bash
○ Unable to find image 'ubuntu:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from library/ubuntu
20043066d3ds: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:c35e29c9450151419d9448b0fd75374fec4ffff364a27f176fb458d472dfc9e54
Status: Downloaded newer image for ubuntu:latest
root@6bd7ebf2798a:/# pwd
/
root@6bd7ebf2798a:/# ls
bin boot dev etc home lib lib64 media mnt opt proc root run sbin src srv sys tmp usr var
root@6bd7ebf2798a:/# cd src
root@6bd7ebf2798a:/src# ls
Dockerfile README.md package.json spec src yarn.lock
root@6bd7ebf2798a:/src# touch myfile.txt
root@6bd7ebf2798a:/src# ls
Dockerfile README.md myfile.txt package.json spec src yarn.lock
root@6bd7ebf2798a:/src#

```

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

```

root@6bd7ebf2798a:/src# ls
Dockerfile README.md package.json spec src yarn.lock
root@6bd7ebf2798a:/src#
exit
PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app>

```

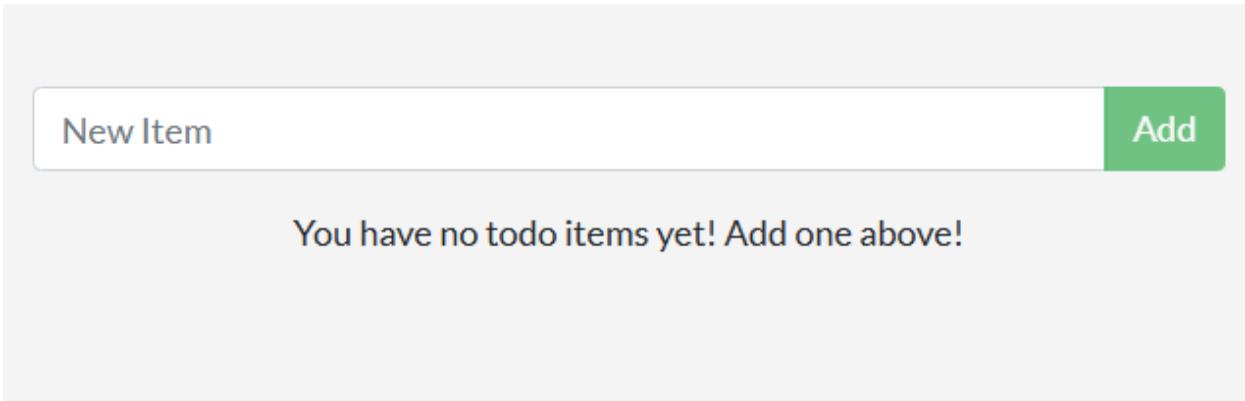
This proved the bind mount synchronization between host and container.

```

PS D:\Document\Y4_T1\DevOps\getting-started-app> docker logs -f d850f6fa6e70
yarn install v1.22.22
[1/4] Resolving packages...
(node:8) [DEP0169] DeprecationWarning: `url.parse()` behavior is not standardized and prone to errors that have security implications. Use the WHATWG URL API instead. CVEs are not issued for `url.parse()` vulnerabilities.
(Use `node --trace-deprecation ...` to show where the warning was created)
[2/4] Fetching packages...
[3/4] Linking dependencies...
[4/4] Building fresh packages...
Done in 50.74s.
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`
Using sqlite database at /etc/todos/todo.db
Listening on port 3000

```

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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owners.  
  
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.

```
 SERVER  GRAY
app-1 | Waiting for mysql:3306.....
app-1 | Connected!
app-1 | Connected to mysql db at host mysql
app-1 | Listening on port 3000

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```

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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owners.

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:b6af42430b15f2d2a4c5a02b919e98 0.0s
=> => resolve docker.io/docker/dockerfile:1@sha256:b6af42430b15f2d2a4c5a02b919e98a525b785b1a 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 sha256:8f4586a0ab3c0e60fb4814337a4dd7443161787f03d068068454ff7b3d113d 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.

