Scenario

You’re given a tiny TypeScript/Express API that **must** be containerized twice:

1. A naïve **single-stage** image (works, but big).
2. A hardened **multi-stage** image (works, small, secure).

Your job is to meet the requirements.

Starter app (provided)

`package.json`

```json
{
  "name": "ts-api-demo",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "type": "module",
  "main": "dist/index.js",
  "scripts": {
    "dev": "tsx watch src/index.ts",
    "build": "tsc -p tsconfig.json",
    "start": "node dist/index.js"
  },
  "dependencies": {
    "express": "^4.19.2"
  },
  "devDependencies": {
```

```
    "@types/express": "^4.17.21",
    "tsx": "^4.15.7",
    "typescript": "^5.5.4"
  }
}
```

`tsconfig.json`

```json
{
  "compilerOptions": {
    "target": "ES2022",
    "module": "ES2022",
    "moduleResolution": "bundler",
    "outDir": "dist",
    "rootDir": "src",
    "esModuleInterop": true,
    "strict": true
  },
  "include": ["src"]
}
```

`src/index.ts`

```ts
import express from "express";
const app = express();
const PORT = Number(process.env.PORT || 3000);
```

```
const APP_NAME = process.env.APP_NAME || "TS API";

app.get("/health", (_req, res) => {
  res.json({ ok: true, service: APP_NAME });
});

app.get("/whoami", (_req, res) => {
  res.json({ uid: process.getuid?.(), gid: process.getgid?.() });
});

app.listen(PORT, "0.0.0.0", () => {
  console.log(` [${APP_NAME}] listening on ${PORT}` );
});
```

Part A — Single-stage image (intentionally sloppy)

Create **` Dockerfile.single` ** that:

- uses ` node:20`
- installs dependencies
- builds the app
- starts with ` npm run start`
- **must work** at ` http://localhost:3000/health`

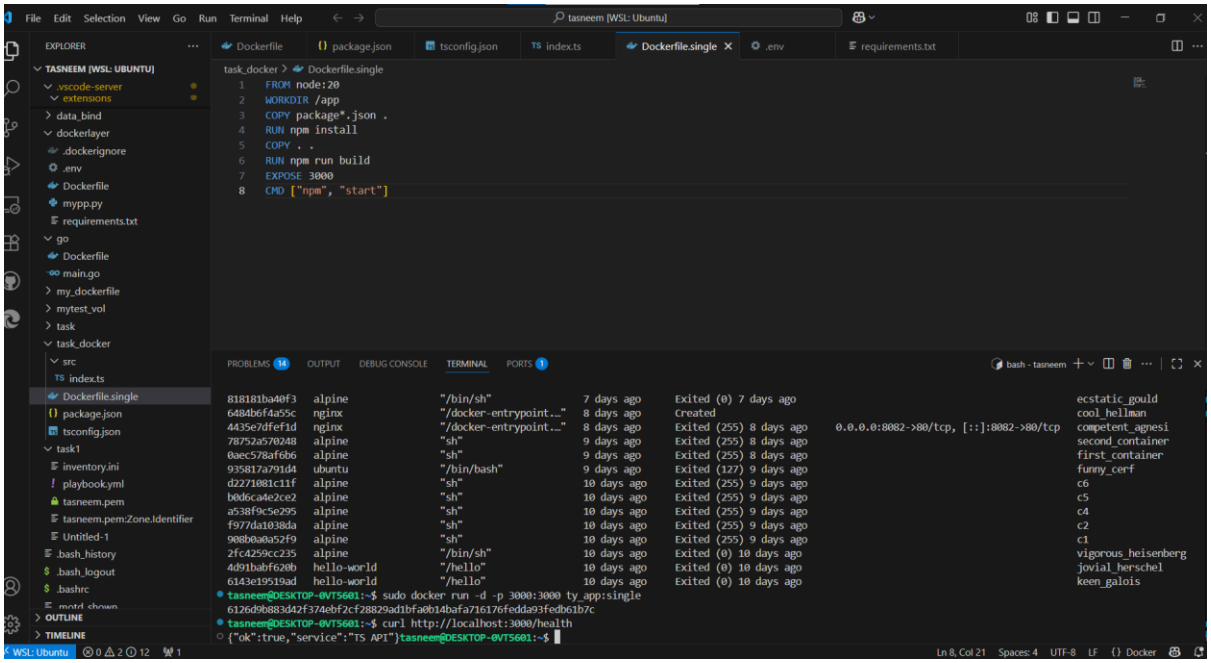
> This is the “baseline” (large image). It just needs to run.

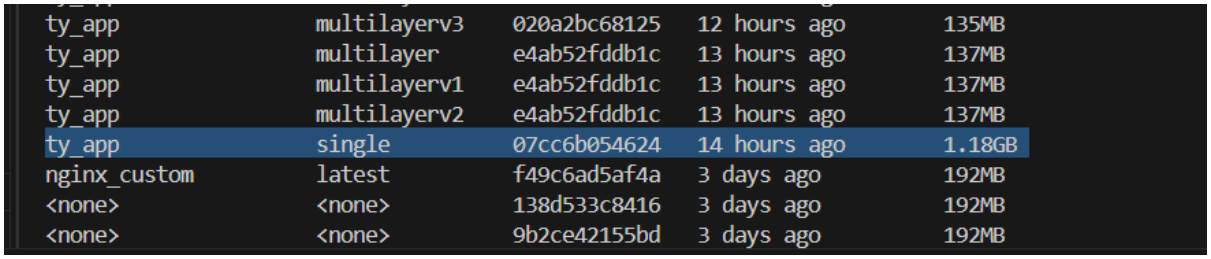
CMD:

```
sudo docker build -f Dockerfile -t ty_app:single  .
sudo docker run -d -p 3000:3000  ty_app:single
```

curl http://localhost:3000/health

Sudo docker images





Part B — Multi-stage, optimized & secure

Create **`Dockerfile`** (the default) that:

1. **Builder stage**
   - uses `node:20`
   - installs *all* deps (including dev)
   - builds TypeScript (`npm run build`)
   - removes dev deps: `npm prune --omit=dev`

2. **Runtime stage**

   - uses `node:20-alpine`

   - copies only required files

   - **runs as non-root** user

   - add a `HEALTHCHECK` hitting `http://127.0.0.1:3000/health`

4. **No secrets** baked into image

5. **No npm** *required* at runtime (direct `node` entrypoint)

Targets to hit

- Final runtime image size **≤ 140 MB**

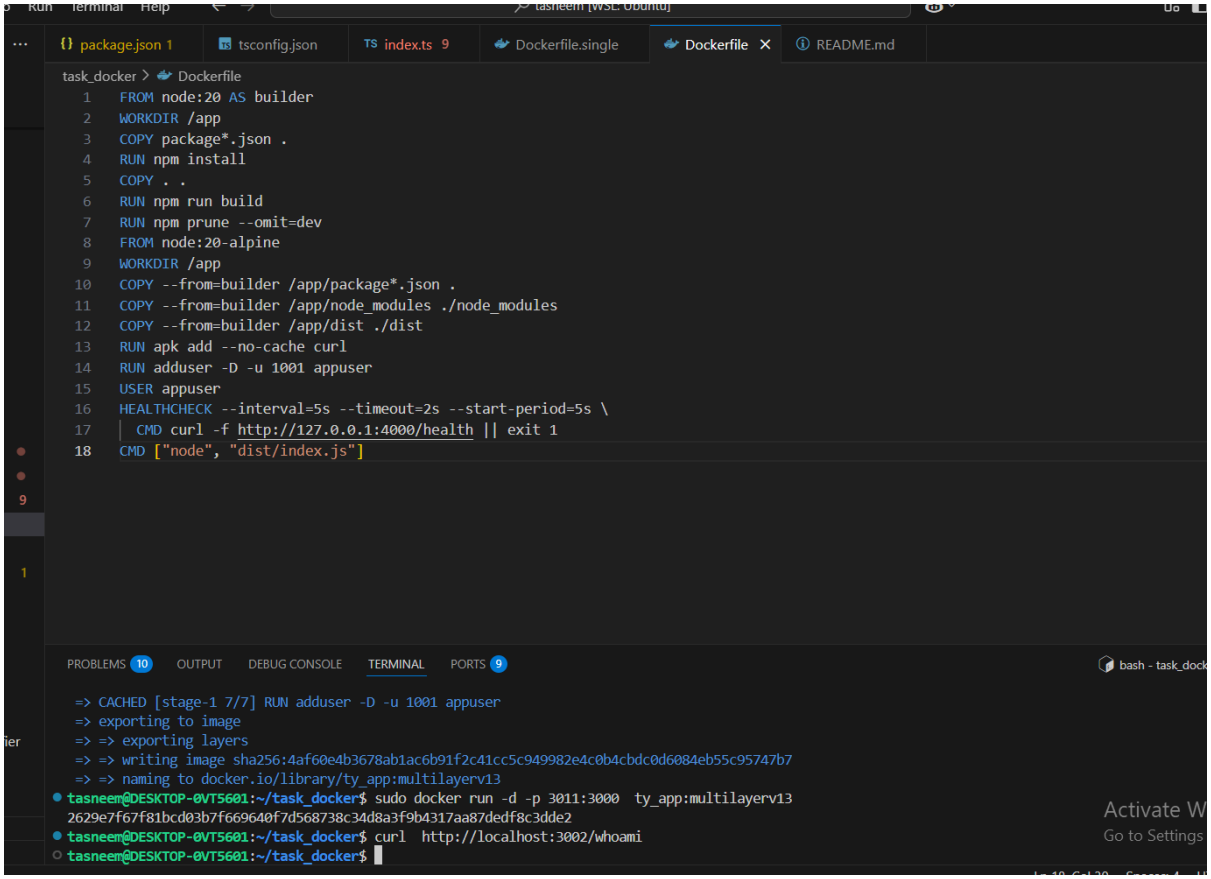
- `/whoami` endpoint should show **non-root** uid/gid (neither 0 nor null)

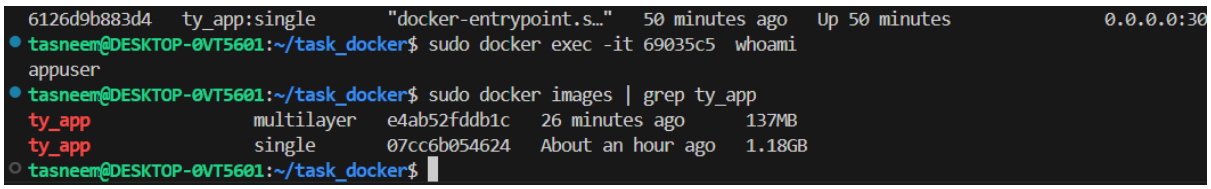
CMD:

sudo docker build -f Dockerfile -t ty_app:multilayer .

sudo docker run -d -p 3000:3000 ty_app:multilayer

curl http://localhost:3005/whoami





Part C — Tricky “what ifs” to catch them out

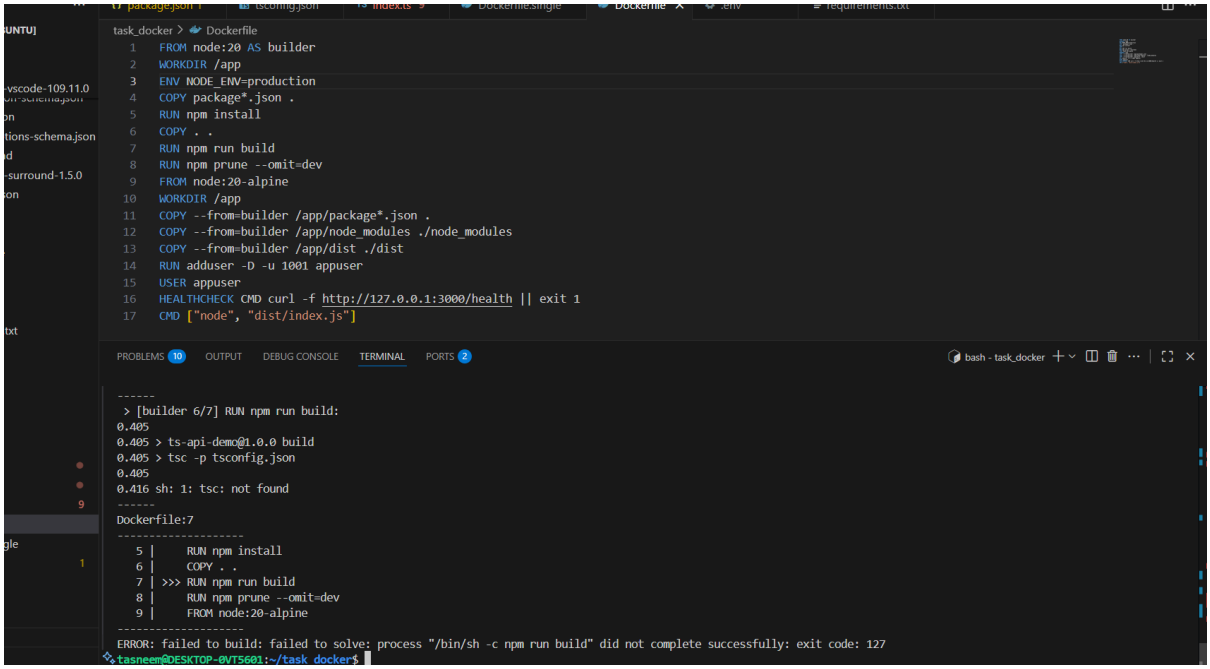
1. **NODE_ENV trap**

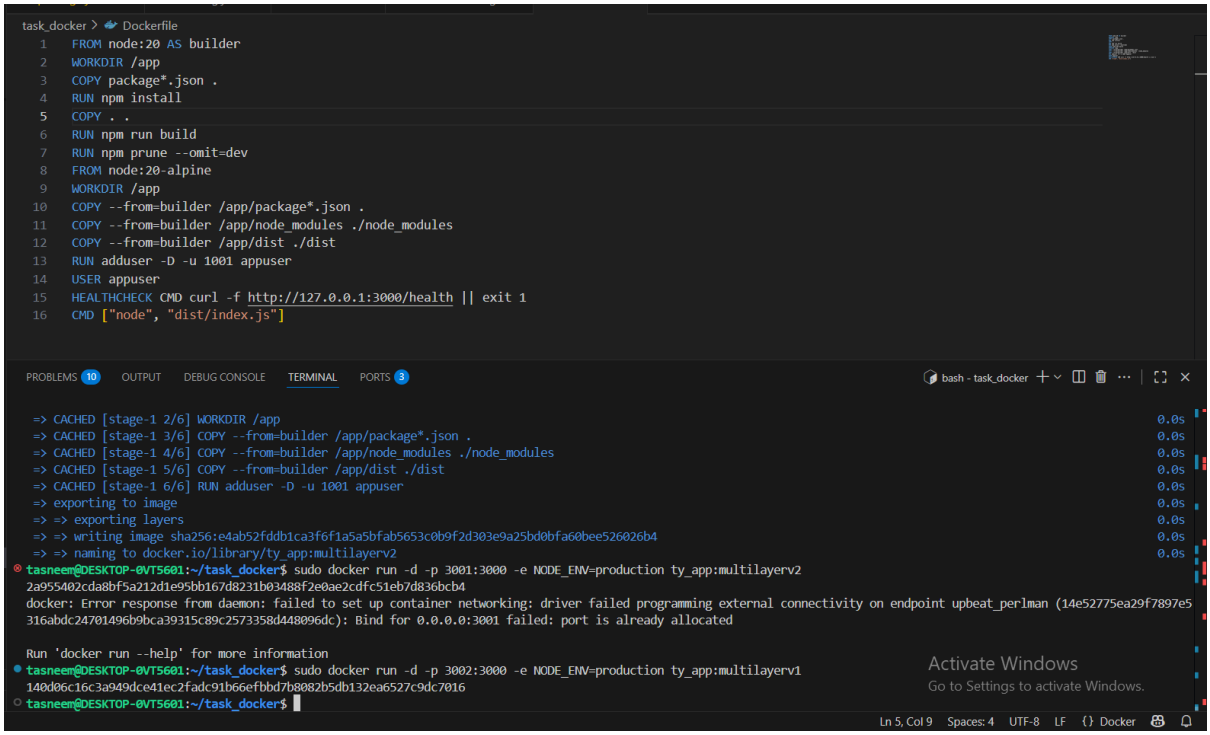
   - If set in builder before installing, build fails (no TypeScript).

CMD:

sudo docker build -f Dockerfile -t ty_app:multilayerv1 .

Solution:
Keep NODE_ENV unset or development in the builder. You can pass it at runtime instead





2. **Express in devDependencies trap**

- If `express` mistakenly in devDeps → runtime crash.

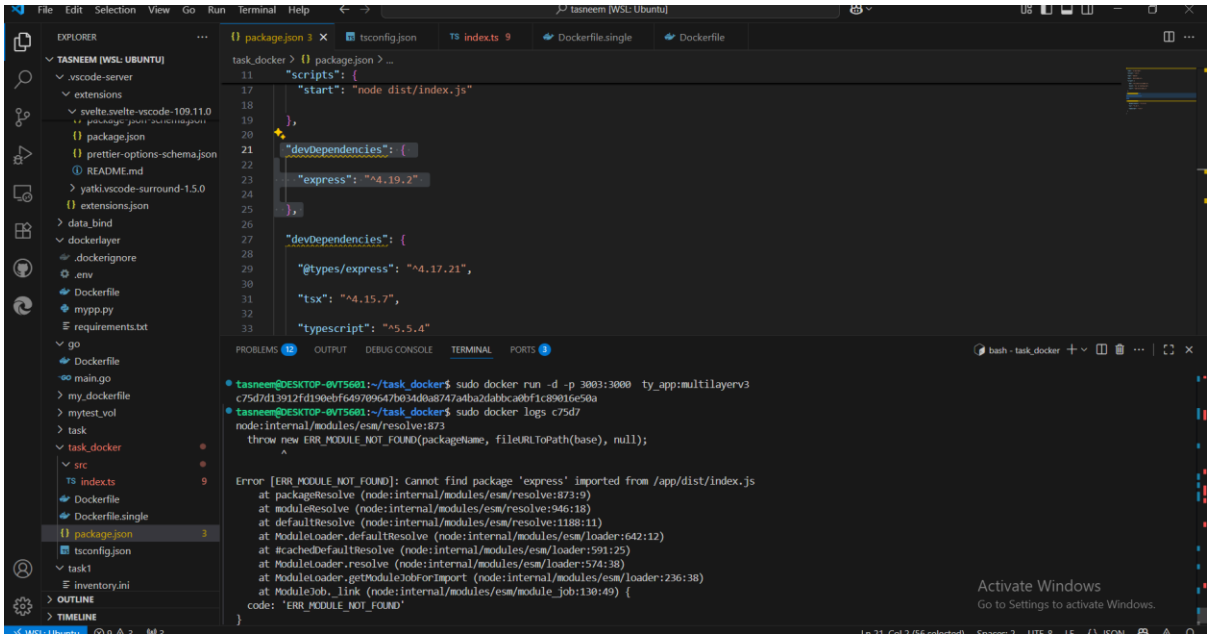
CMD:

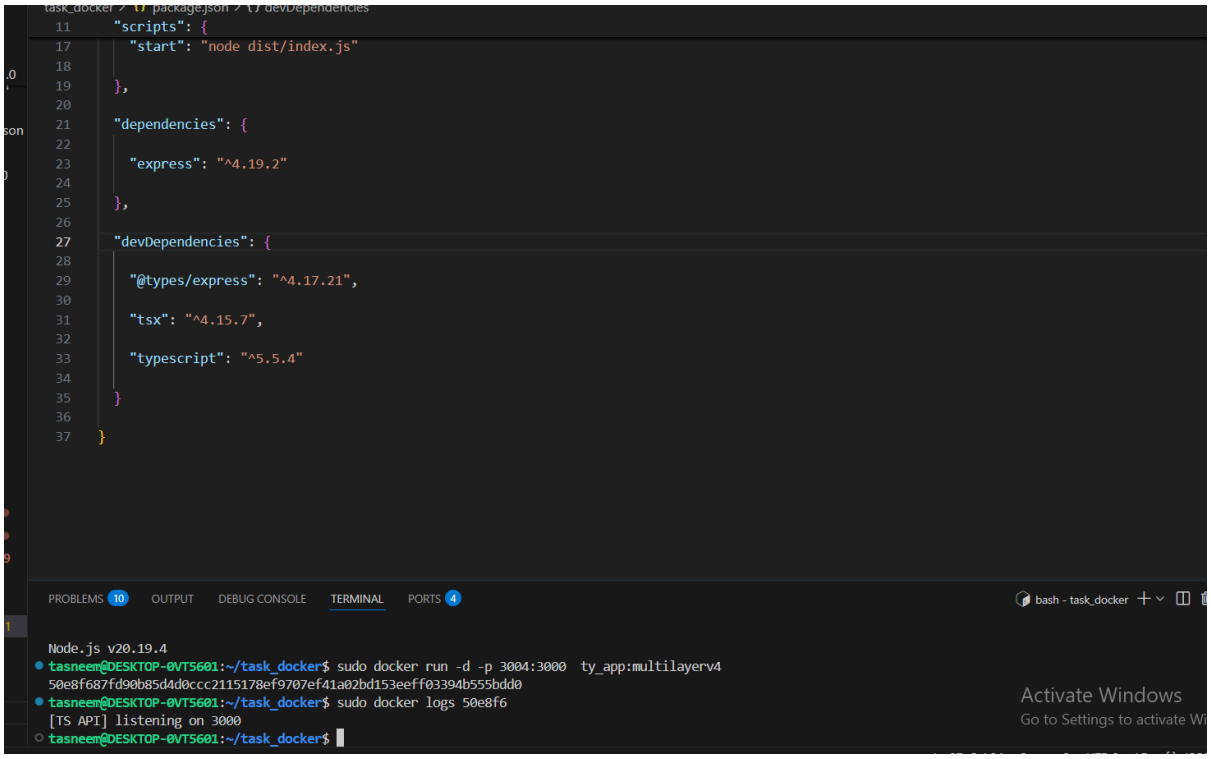
sudo docker build -f Dockerfile -t ty_app:multilayerv15 .
sudo docker run -d -p 3000:3000 ty_app:multilayerv15

sudo docker logs c75d7

Solution:

All libraries required for running the app must be in dependencies



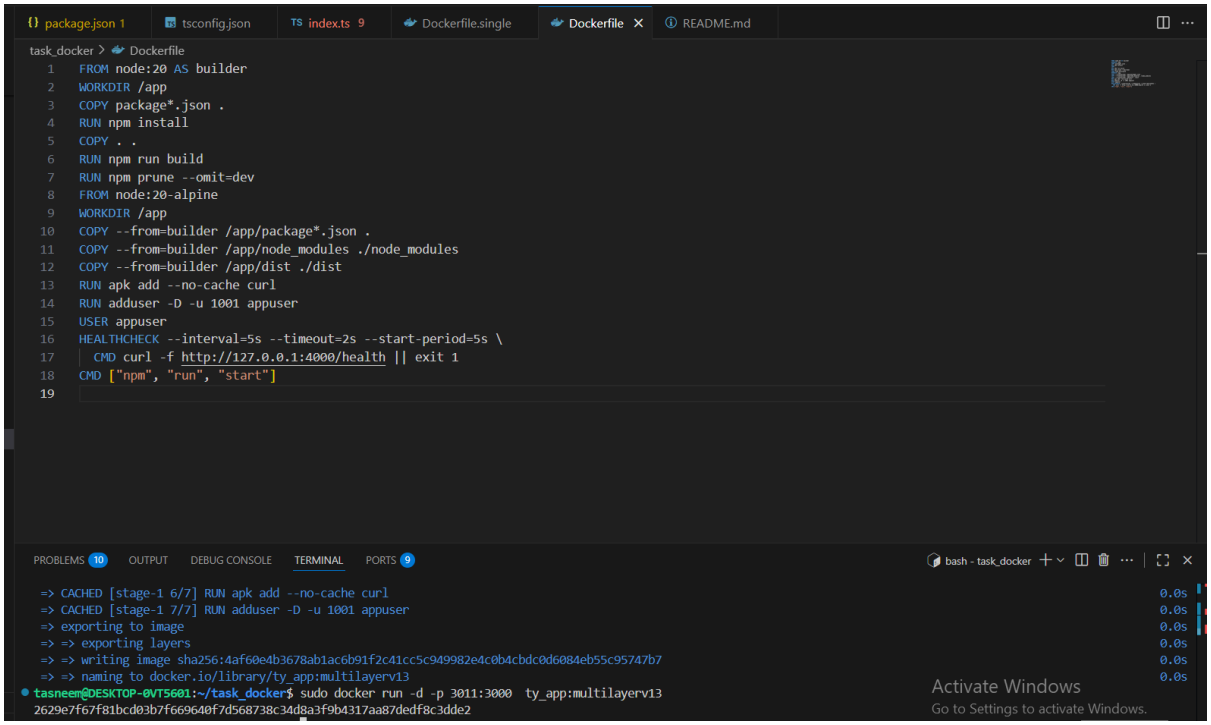


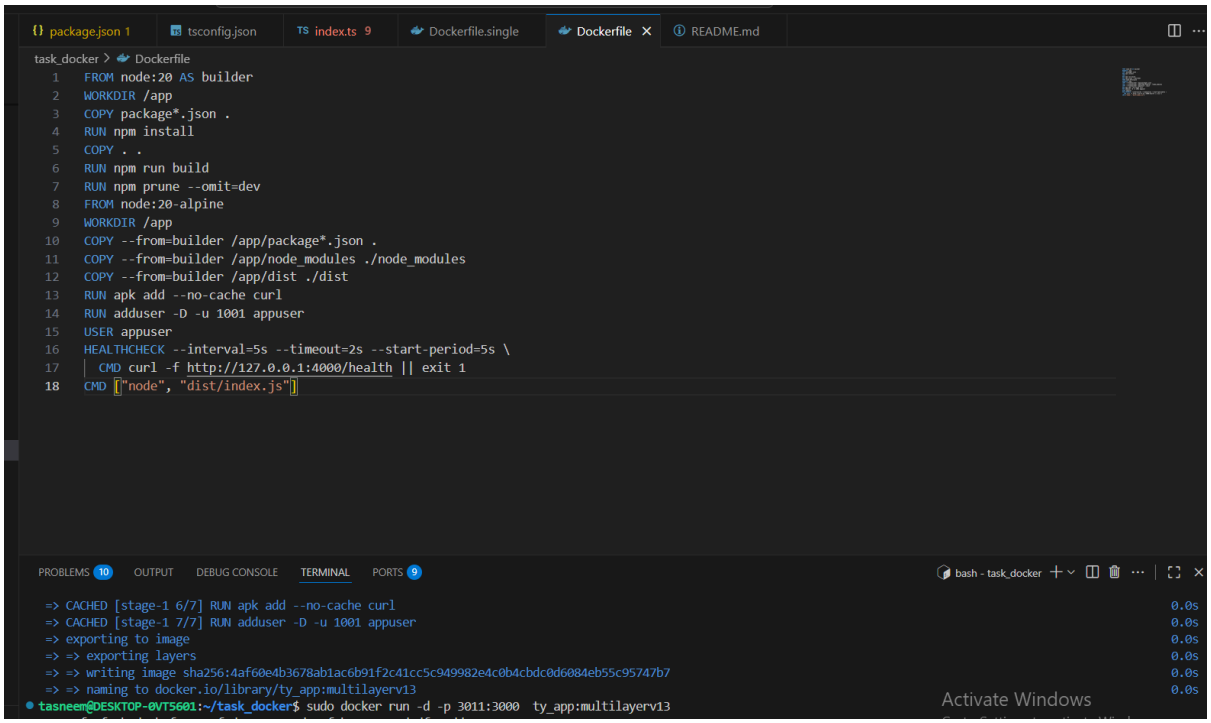
3. **Wrong CMD**

- Using `npm run start` in runtime adds bloat. Must be direct `node`.

requires npm in the image → increases image size and bloat.

Solution: Use direct Node command





4. **Root user**

- `/whoami` returns `uid:0` → fail.

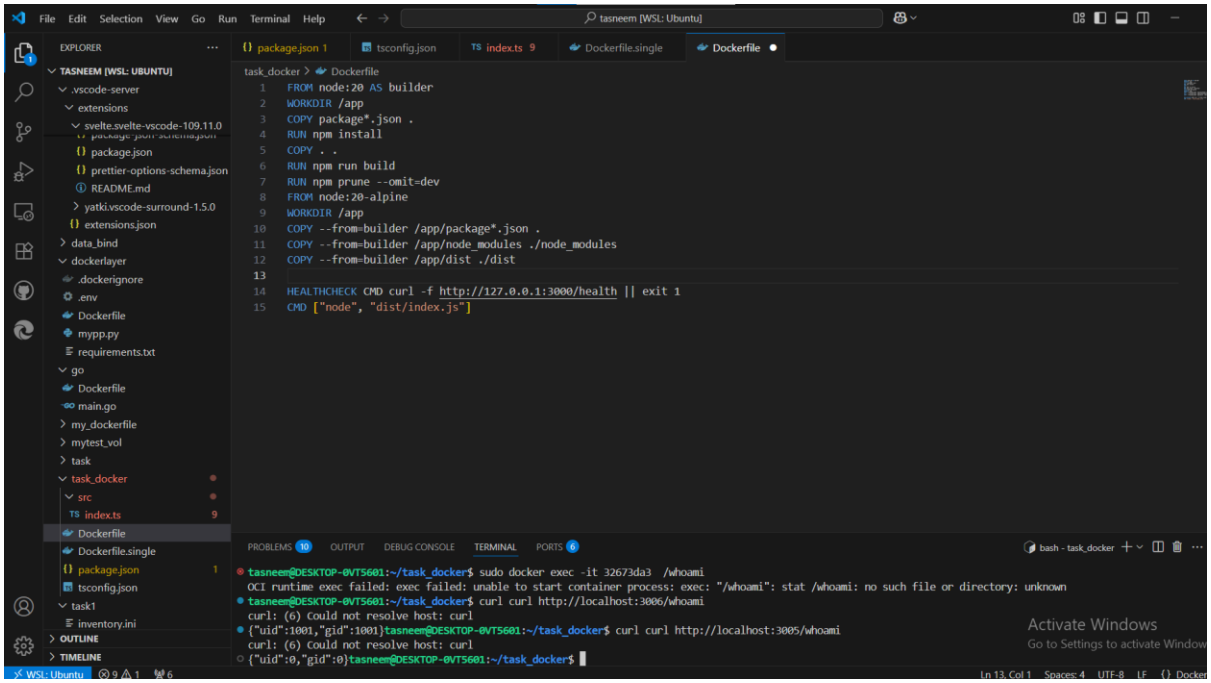
CMD:

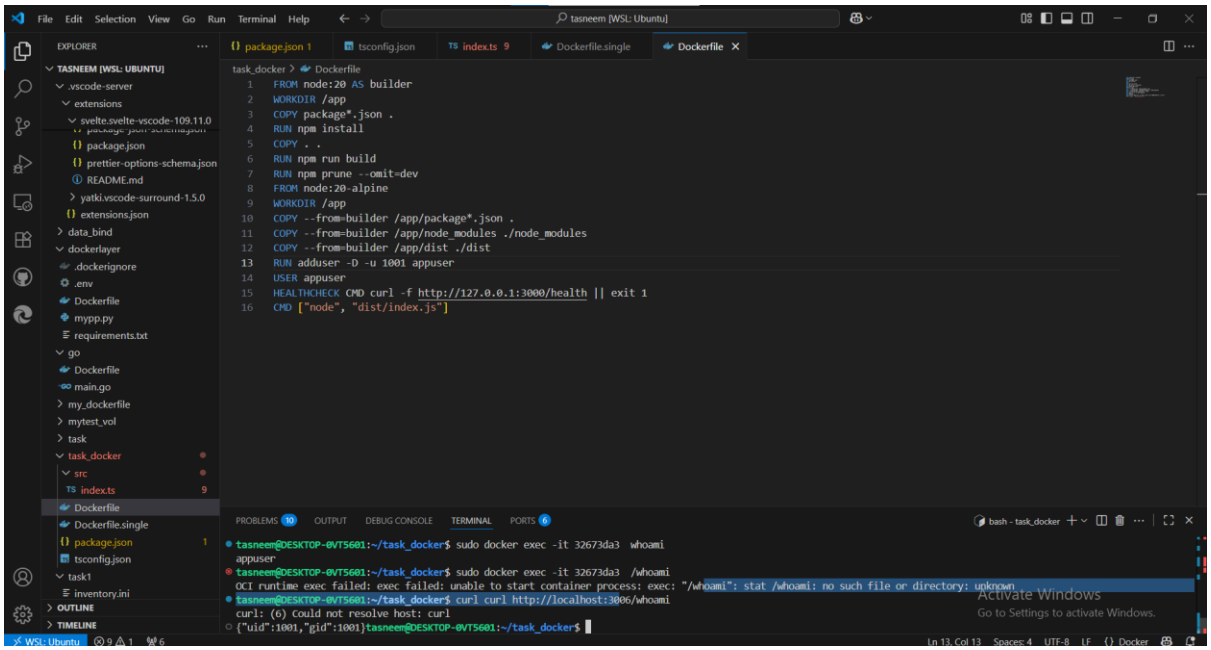
sudo docker build -f Dockerfile -t ty_app:multilayerv12 .

sudo docker run -d -p 3000:3000 ty_app:multilayerv12
curl curl http://localhost:3005/whoami

If you don't create a non-root user → /whoami returns uid:0 → fail.

Solution: Create a non-root user





5. **Cache misuse**

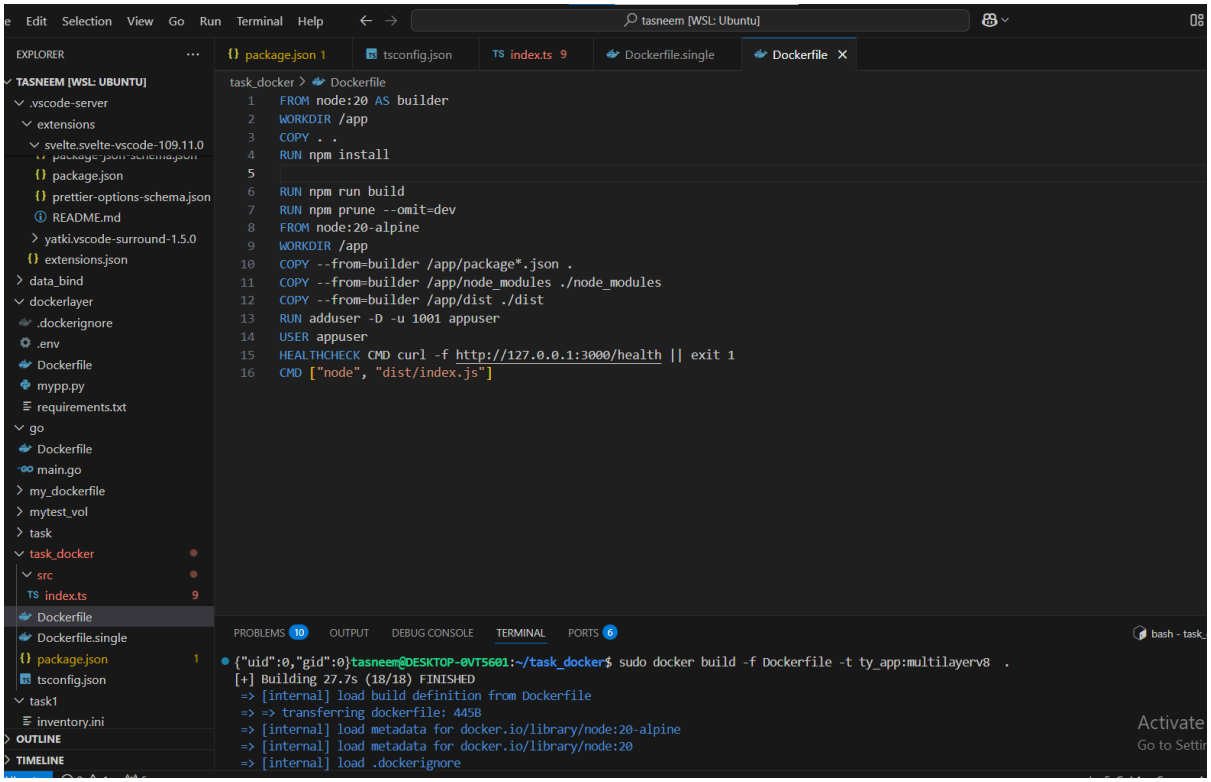
- Copying code before `npm install` → breaks cache.

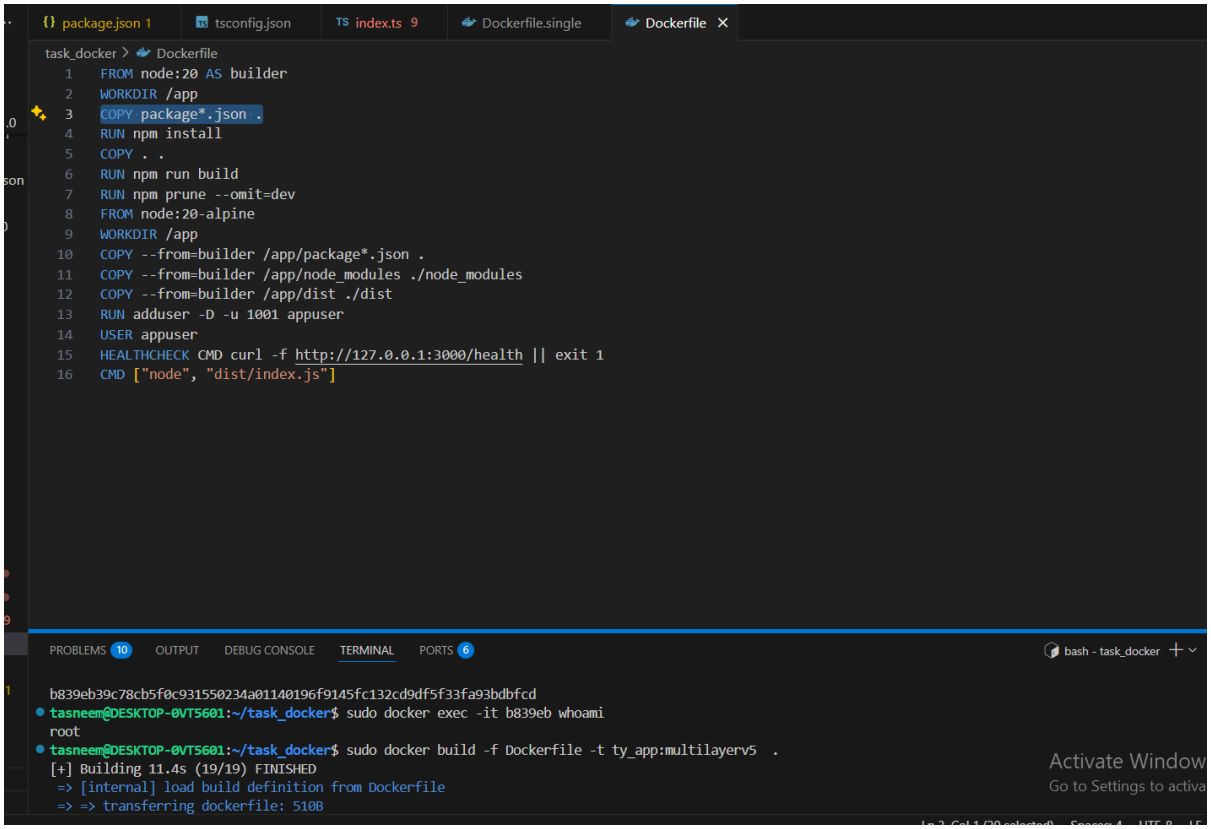
CMD:

sudo docker build -f Dockerfile -t ty_app:multilayerv12 .

npm reinstall runs every build → slow.

Solution: Copy only manifests first





6. **Healthcheck**

- Wrong command/host → container unhealthy.

HEALTHCHECK CMD curl -f http://127.0.0.1:4000/health || exit 1

If the app runs on port 3000 → container always unhealthy.

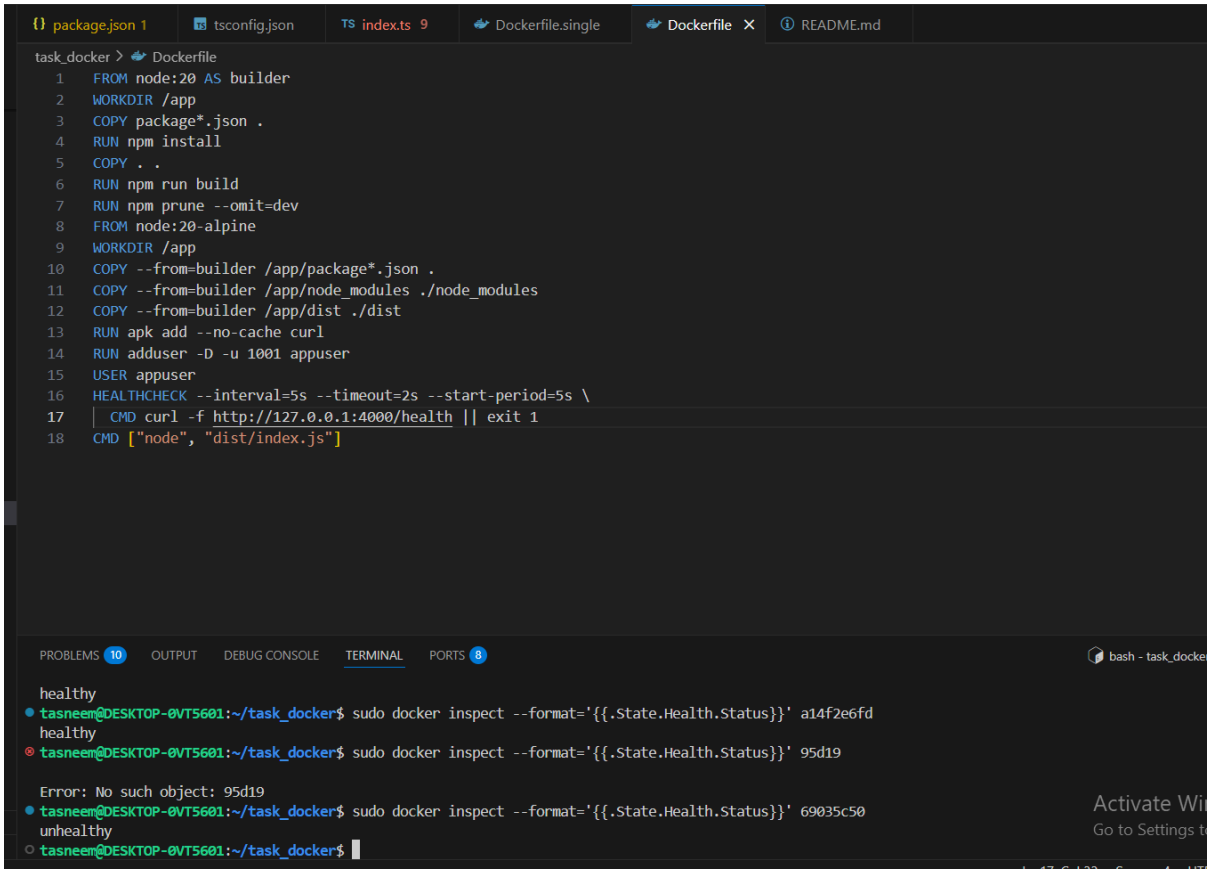
CMD:

sudo docker build -f Dockerfile -t ty_app:multilayerv15 .

sudo docker run -d -p 3000:3000 ty_app:multilayerv12

sudo docker inspect --format='{{.State.Health.Status}}' 69035c50

Solution: Correct port and endpoint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6 RUN npm run build
7 RUN npm prune --omit=dev
8 FROM node:20-alpine
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10 COPY --from=builder /app/package*.json .
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12 COPY --from=builder /app/dist ./dist
13 RUN apk add --no-cache curl
14 RUN adduser -D -u 1001 appuser
15 USER appuser
16 HEALTHCHECK --interval=5s --timeout=2s --start-period=5s \
17 CMD curl -f http://127.0.0.1:4000/health || exit 1
18 CMD ["node", "dist/index.js"]
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healthy
tasneem@DESKTOP-0VT5601:~/task_docker$ sudo docker inspect --format='{{.State.Health.Status}}' 95d19
Error: No such object: 95d19
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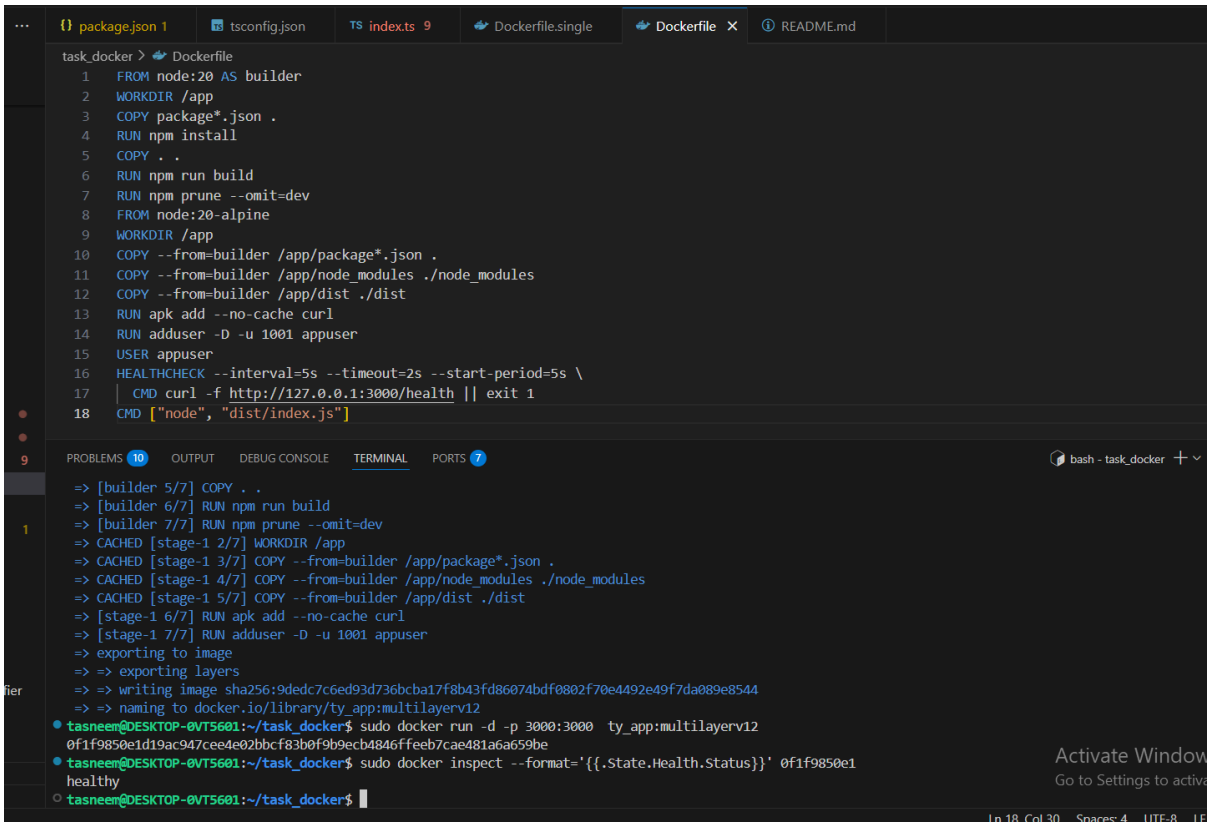
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=> [stage-1 7/7] RUN adduser -D -u 1001 appuser
=> exporting to image
=> => exporting layers
=> => writing image sha256:9dedc7c6ed93d736bcba17f8b43fd86074bdf0802f70e4492e49f7da089e8544
=> => naming to docker.io/library/ty_app:multilayerv12
tasneem@DESKTOP-0VT5601:~/task_docker$ sudo docker run -d -p 3000:3000 ty_app:multilayerv12
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tasneem@DESKTOP-0VT5601:~/task_docker$ sudo docker inspect --format='{{.State.Health.Status}}' 0f1f9850e1
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Deliverables (students submit)

- `Dockerfile.single`

- `Optmized Dockerfile`

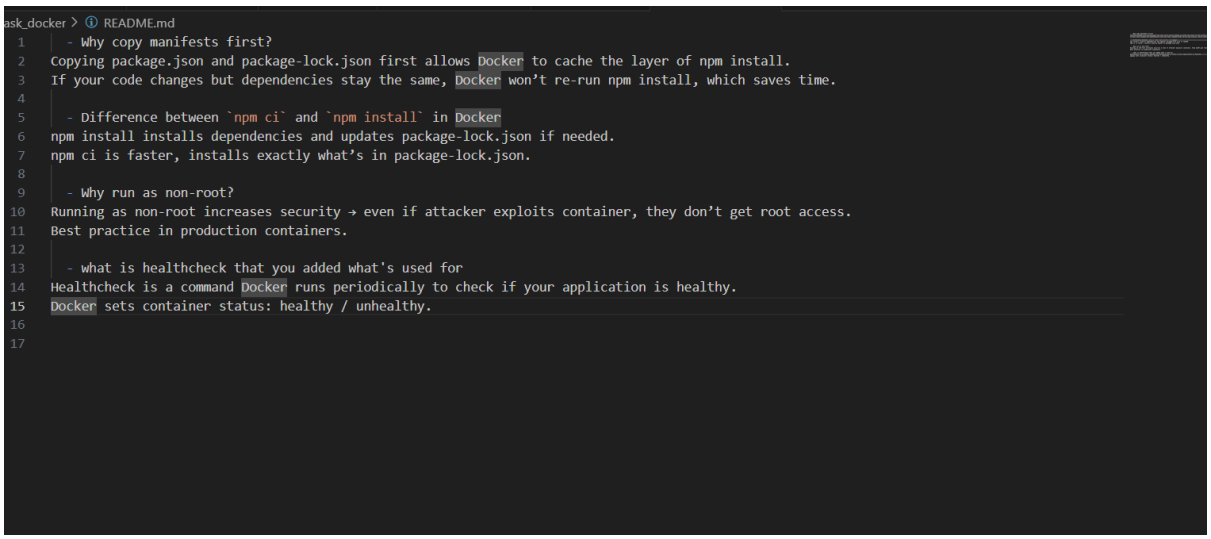
- **README.md** answering:

  - Why copy manifests first?

  - Difference between `npm ci` and `npm install` in Docker

  - Why run as non-root?

  - what is healthcheck that you added what's used for



- The exact **build and run** commands used
