Checklist for Dockerfile:

1. Base Image:
   - The base image is from a reputable source.
   - Uses the latest version of the base image for security updates.

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2. Non-root User:
   - Use a non-root user to run processes within the container.
   - Avoid running processes as the root user for security reasons.

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3. Minimize Layers:
   - Minimize the number of layers in the Dockerfile for efficient image build and reduced image size.

N/A

4. Copy Only Necessary Files:
   - Copy only necessary files to the container to reduce the image size.

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5. Dependency Installation:
   - Group package installations together for better caching.
   - Remove unnecessary package manager cache in the same layer as the installation.

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6. Environment Variables:
   - Use environment variables for configuration when needed.
   - Ensure sensitive information is not hardcoded in the Dockerfile.

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7. Expose Only Necessary Ports:
   - Only expose the ports required for the application to function.
   - Avoid exposing unnecessary ports for security reasons.

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8. Clean-Up Commands:
  - Use `RUN` commands to clean up temporary files and package manager caches.
  - Combine cleanup commands to reduce the number of layers.

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9. Multi-Stage Builds:
Use multi-stage builds to separate build-time and runtime dependencies. This helps to reduce the final image size.

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10. Entrypoint and CMD:
Use ENTRYPOINT in combination with CMD to provide default executable and arguments. This makes the container act like an executable.

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Check list for Container Runtime:

11. Security Context:
  - Use Docker's security features like `--security-opt` to enforce security policies.
  - Review the `docker run` command for security-related options.

N/A (Yet)

12. Volume Mounts:
  - Ensure sensitive data is not being exposed through volume mounts.
  - Limit access to only necessary volumes.

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13. Resource Limits:
  - Set resource limits (CPU, memory) appropriately using the `--cpus` and `--memory` flags.

N/A(Yet)

14. Health Checks:
  - Implement health checks to ensure the container's health is monitored.

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15. Network Configuration:

- Use Docker’s network features like --network to isolate the container's network. This can enhance security and performance.

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16. Restart Policies:
    - Set appropriate restart policies (--restart) to handle container failures.

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Check list for Documentation:

17. README and Comments
    - Ensure the Dockerfile includes clear comments explaining complex steps.
    - Document any environment variables required for configuration.

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18. Docker Ignore File:
    - Document the use of .dockerignore file to exclude files that are not necessary for building the Docker image. This reduces build context size and prevents sensitive information from being included in the image.

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Check list for General Best Practices:

19. Immutable Containers:
    - Aim for immutable containers by avoiding changes in runtime.

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20. Docker Compose:
    - If using Docker Compose, ensure the configuration is well-structured and follows best practices.

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21. Version Pinning:
    - Pin versions for all dependencies and packages to ensure reproducibility.

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22. Logs:
    - Configure appropriate logging within the container for debugging and monitoring.

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23. Single Responsibility Principle:
    - Each container should have only one responsibility. This makes managing, updating, and troubleshooting easier.

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24. Build Automation:
    - Automate the build process using CI/CD pipelines. This ensures consistency and repeatability in the build process.

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Meeting summary:

- **Went through READ ME**
- **Ralph explained and answered Questions about the Docker files and Properties and README**
- **Went through the Docker file & Properties**

Duration of Inspection: 1 hour

Defects Found:

- **In the README file under the Local Environment Set Up we need to have “Docker Initialized” before everything else**
- **No user interface for the backend (we might need to add one)**
- **Add explanation regard the cache in the README under the Container section**
- **Health Checks needs to be added**
- **Resource limits needs to be added**
- **Need to implement more functionalities for Security**
- **Need to add clean up commands**
- **Need to add Environmental Variables**