

# Docker Secrets



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Hello!

Today I tried to create a docker secret for a Docker Swarm stack.

Why?

Because, you can use secrets to manage any sensitive data which a container needs at runtime but you don't want to store in the image or in source control, such as.

Let's take a closer look!

```

wordpress-hillel > docker-compose.yml
1  version: "3.8"
2  services:
3    db:
4      image: amd64/mysql:8
5      volumes:
6        - db_data:/var/lib/mysql
7      restart: always
8      environment:
9        MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD_FILE: /run/secrets/db_root_password
10       MYSQL_DATABASE: wordpress
11       MYSQL_USER_FILE: /run/secrets/db_mysql_user
12       MYSQL_PASSWORD_FILE: /run/secrets/db_password
13     secrets:
14       - db_root_password
15       - db_password
16       - db_mysql_user
17   wordpress:
18     depends_on:
19       - db
20     image: amd64/wordpress:6
21     ports:
22       - "8000:80"
23     restart: always
24     environment:
25       WORDPRESS_DB_NAME: wordpress
26       WORDPRESS_DB_HOST: db:3306
27       WORDPRESS_DB_USER_FILE: /run/secrets/db_mysql_user
28       WORDPRESS_DB_PASSWORD_FILE: /run/secrets/db_password
29     secrets:
30       - db_password
31       - db_mysql_user
32
33   secrets:
34     db_password:
35       file: db_password.txt
36     db_root_password:
37       file: db_root_password.txt
38     db_mysql_user:
39       file: db_mysql_user.txt
40
41   volumes:
42     db_data: {}
43

```

So, first of all, I made a docker-compose config which creates a simple WordPress site using three secrets in a compose file.

Let's break down the above file. Here is what's happening:

- The `secrets` line under each service defines the Docker secrets you want to inject into the specific container.
- The main `secrets` segment defines the variables `db_password`, `db_mysql_user` and `db_root_password` and a file that should be used to populate their values.
- The deployment of each container means Docker creates a temporary filesystem mount under `/run/secrets/<secret_name>` with their specific values.

When deployed, Docker creates these three secrets and populates them with content from the file specified in the build file.

The DB service uses three secrets, while WordPress uses two.

Before deployment, it is important to create three files in the root directory from which the secret will take the password and username, in my example these are the `db_password.txt`, `db_mysql_user.txt` and `db_root_password.txt` files.

Now let's see how it works in prod!

```
vmarchenko@vmarchenko777-4 wordpress-hillel % docker swarm init
Swarm initialized: current node (ac62ka3saj212ogmfd8latbna) is now a manager.
```

To add a worker to this swarm, run the following command:

```
docker swarm join --token SWMTKN-1-4up9y6450nn18eq251yk2sht8zbqg32cz6bxl39gymdlqmbcyc-3iwme33q0xrqczf5zzngmfvpq 192.168.65.4:2377
```

To add a manager to this swarm, run 'docker swarm join-token manager' and follow the instructions.

```
vmarchenko@vmarchenko777-4 wordpress-hillel % docker stack deploy -c docker-compose.yaml wordpress-hillel
Ignoring unsupported options: restart
```

```
Creating network wordpress-hillel_default
Creating secret wordpress-hillel_db_password
Creating secret wordpress-hillel_db_root_password
Creating secret wordpress-hillel_db_mysql_user
Creating service wordpress-hillel_wordpress
Creating service wordpress-hillel_db
```

```
vmarchenko@vmarchenko777-4 wordpress-hillel % docker secret ls
```

ID	NAME	DRIVER	CREATED	UPDATED
cx3jppj9401l5tid533xi5afzc	wordpress-hillel_db_mysql_user		14 seconds ago	14 seconds ago
smrtkv6rby7vk6wrrvtnargep	wordpress-hillel_db_password		14 seconds ago	14 seconds ago
66z40frfne4jdq7tkj3omnjlj	wordpress-hillel_db_root_password		14 seconds ago	14 seconds ago

```
vmarchenko@vmarchenko777-4 wordpress-hillel % docker ps
```

CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS	NAMES
ed249b7428dc	amd64/mysql:8	"docker-entrypoint.s..."	1 second ago	Up Less than a second	3306/tcp, 33060/tcp	wordpress-hillel_db.1.d5er6kcq49hbt29xkaaqrbcfo
a0c21cc6096c	amd64/wordpress:6	"docker-entrypoint.s..."	5 seconds ago	Up 3 seconds	80/tcp	wordpress-hillel_wordpress.1.xthlzh59vn59ucmy6kocmi3j

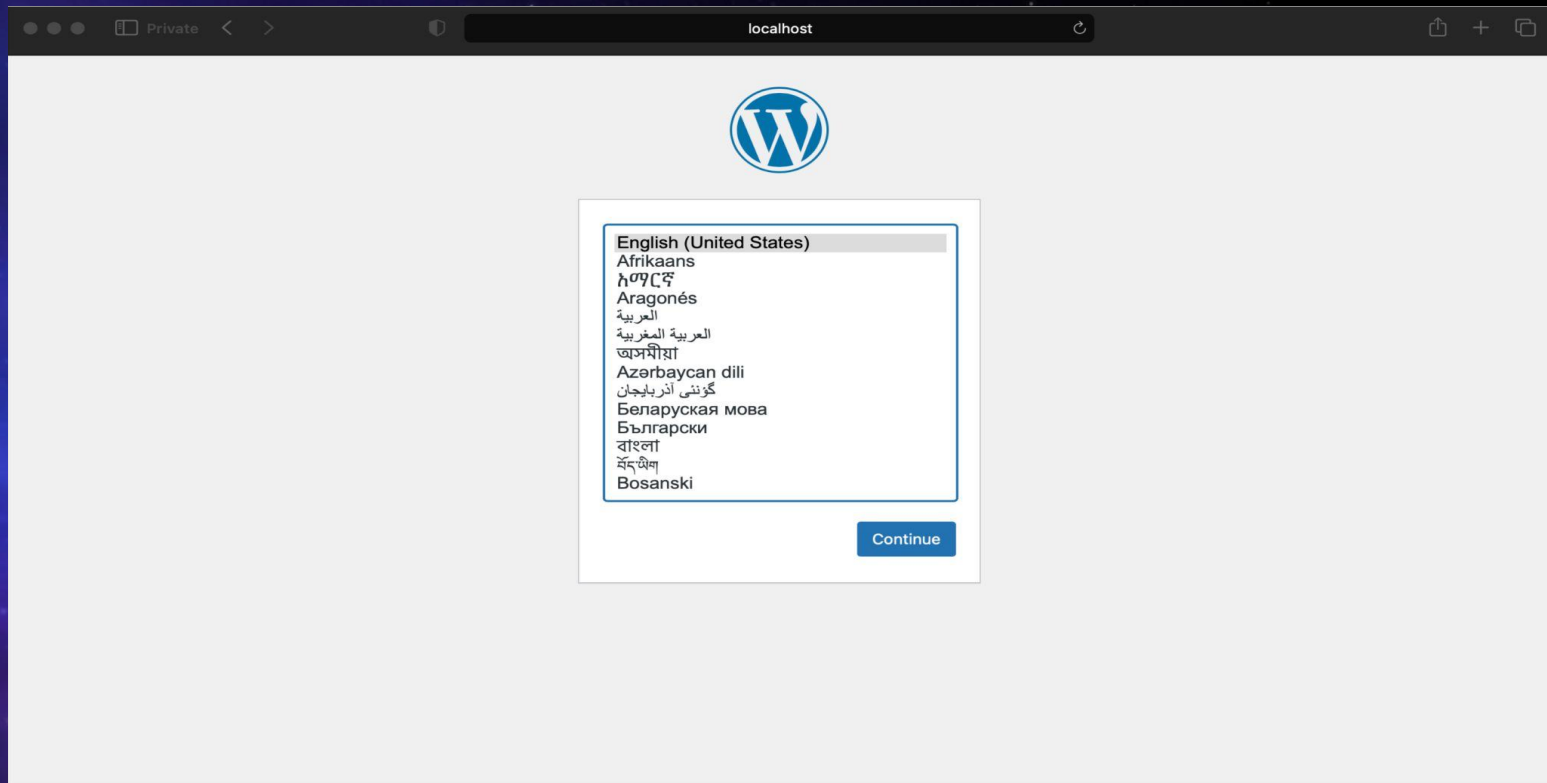
```
vmarchenko@vmarchenko777-4 wordpress-hillel %
```

1. I enabled swarm mode via command `docker swarm init`. (A Docker Swarm is a group of either physical or virtual machines that are running the Docker application and that have been configured to join together in a cluster).

2. I deployed my docker-compose config.

Than, we see that our stack includes two containers (mysql-server and wordpress), and via the `docker secret ls` command, we see that docker creates three secrets.





And as a result, we get a working WordPress site!

You can find all files and config in my git repository at the link:

<https://github.com/VladMar35/DevOps/tree/main/Docker%20Secrets>