

Docker Compose

Defination :- Docker compose is a tool that allows you to define, config, and run one or more docker container using a Yaml configuration file called docker-compose.yml.

Why Use Docker Compose

- ⇒ Simplifies commands- no need to type long docker run commands.
- ⇒ Central configuration All setting in a single docker-compose.yml.
- ⇒ Easier Networking - Containers can communicate using service names.
- ⇒ One Command Control :- Start, stop & manage containers with docker compose up & docker compose down

Working

- 1 Define Service in docker-compose.yml (eg app, database).
- 2 Run `[docker compose up]` → Create containers, networks, and volumes.
- 3 Stop with `[docker compose down]` → removes containers & network not images.

Ex mean Example

yaml (docker-compose.yml).

version: "3.8" # latest stable compose version

services:

backend:

build: ./backend # build image from
dockerfile in backend folder

ports:

- "5000:5000" # map host port 5000 to
container port 5000

networks:

- mongoNetwork # connects to a custom
network.

depends-on:

- mongoDB # wait for mongoDB
container to start before backend runs.

frontend:

build: . / frontend # build image from dockerfile
in frontend

ports:

- "3000:3000" # description
same as previous

networks:

- mern-network

depends_on:

- backend

mongodb:

image: mongo:latest # use official mongodb
image from docker hub.

volumes:

- mongo-data:/data/db # named volume for
mongoDB persistent storage.

networks:

- mern-network.

volumes:

mongo-data: # named volume definition

networks:

mern-network:

driver: bridge # bridge network for isolated
communication

Containers dependency

Use depends-on to control startup order.

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depends-on:

service name:

Condition: service healthy

Condition: service healthy waits for the healthcheck to pass before starting.

Healthcheck Example

healthcheck:

test: ["CMD", "mongo", "-eval", "db.adminCommand('ping')"]

interval: 10s

timeout: 5s

retries: 5

- test → command to check service health
- interval → time between checks
- timeout → wait time before considering failed
- retries → max attempts before marking unhealthy.

Ex docker-compose.yml

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# Networking also use service name not container name
version: "3.8"
services:
  mongodb:
    image: mongo:latest
    container_name: mongodb
    ports:
      - "27017:27017"
    networks:
      - mean-network
    healthcheck:
      test: ["CMD", "mongo", "-eval", "db.adminCommand('ping')"]
      interval: 10s
      timeout: 5s
      retries: 5
  backend:
    build: ./backend
    container_name: mean-backend
    port: "3000-3000"
    depends_on:
      mongodb:
        condition: service_healthy
  environment:
    - mongoURI=mongodb://mongodb:27017/mean
  networks:
    - meannetwork
```

docker-compose cmd

Commands	Purpose
1. docker compose up	Start all services (foreground)
2. docker compose down	Stop & remove containers, networks but keep volumes.
3. docker compose up -d	Start in background (detached)
4. docker compose down -v	Stop & remove containers, networks & volumes.
5. docker compose build	Rebuild images.
6. docker compose logs	View logs of all services
7. docker compose logs backend	View logs of backend only
8. docker compose ps	Show running containers