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Aim: To learn Dockerfile instructions, build an image for a sample web application using DockerFile.

THEORY:

What is Docker?

Docker is an open-source platform that enables developers to build, ship, and run applications inside containers. These containers are lightweight, portable, and contain everything the software needs to run: code, runtime, system libraries, and configurations.

Docker helps eliminate the problem of "it works on my machine" by ensuring the application behaves the same in development, testing, and production.

Benefits of Docker

1. Portability

- Docker containers can run on any platform that supports Docker (Windows, macOS, Linux, cloud environments).
- Applications behave consistently across different environments.

2. Efficiency

- Containers share the host operating system's kernel, reducing overhead compared to virtual machines.
- They start quickly and use less memory.

3. Isolation

- Each container runs in its own isolated environment, preventing conflicts between applications.

4. Scalability

- Applications can be scaled horizontally by launching multiple containers.
- Useful for microservices-based architectures and load balancing.

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5. Consistency

- Docker ensures that the same code runs in the same environment across all stages of development and deployment.

Understanding Dockerfiles

A **Dockerfile** is a plain text script containing a set of **instructions** used to create a Docker image. These instructions are executed sequentially by Docker Engine when the image is built.

Although directives in a Dockerfile are case-insensitive, it is a good practice to write them in **UPPERCASE** for clarity and standardization.

Steps to Build a Dockerfile for a Python Flask App

We'll build a Dockerfile for a simple **Flask-based web application** that displays "Hello, World!" on the homepage.

1. Specify Base Image

```
FROM python:3.11-slim
```

This specifies the base image. We use a minimal Python 3.11 image. The base image includes the Python interpreter and essential libraries.

2. Set Working Directory

```
WORKDIR /app
```

Sets /app as the working directory inside the container. All subsequent commands (like RUN, COPY, CMD) operate from here.

3. Install Dependencies

```
RUN pip install Flask==2.2.2
```

Installs the Flask framework required by the application.

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4. Copy Application Files

```
COPY . /app
```

Copies the project files from your host system to the /app directory in the container.

5. Set Environment Variable

```
ENV FLASK_APP=app.py
```

Tells Flask which file contains the application instance.

6. Define Default Command

```
CMD ["flask", "run", "--host=0.0.0.0", "--port=5000"]
```

Specifies the command to run the Flask app. --host=0.0.0.0 ensures the app is accessible externally via the container. --port=5000 runs the server on port 5000.

7. Create a .dockerignore File

Before building the image, create a .dockerignore file to prevent unnecessary files (like the Dockerfile itself) from being copied into the image.

```
Dockerfile
```

This improves security and reduces image size.

Building and Running the Docker Image

1. Build the Docker image

```
docker build -t sample-flask-app:v1.
```

(-t tags the image as sample-flask-app with version v1.)

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2. **Verify Image Creation**

docker images

3. **Run the Container**

docker run -d -p 5000:5000 sample-flask-app:v1

-d: runs container in detached mode (background)

-p: maps port 5000 of the host to port 5000 of the container

4. **Check Running Containers**

docker ps

5. **Access the App**

Open a web browser and navigate to:

http://localhost:5000

You should see: **Hello, World!**

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IMPLEMENTATION:

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218: ~  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~$  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~$ systemctl status docker  
● docker.service - Docker Application Container Engine  
   Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/docker.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)  
   Active: active (running) since Mon 2023-04-10 19:46:05 UTC; 18min ago  
TriggeredBy: ● docker.socket  
   Docs: https://docs.docker.com  
  Main PID: 684 (dockerd)  
    Tasks: 12  
  Memory: 141.2M  
    CPU: 3.736s  
   CGroup: /system.slice/docker.service  
           └─684 /usr/bin/dockerd -H fd:// --containerd=/run/containerd/containerd.sock  
  
Apr 10 19:46:01 ip-172-31-40-218 dockerd[684]: time="2023-04-10T19:46:01.899794323Z" level=info msg="ccResolverWrapper: se  
Apr 10 19:46:01 ip-172-31-40-218 dockerd[684]: time="2023-04-10T19:46:01.899956895Z" level=info msg="ClientConn switching  
Apr 10 19:46:02 ip-172-31-40-218 dockerd[684]: time="2023-04-10T19:46:02.339992511Z" level=info msg="[graphdriver] using p  
Apr 10 19:46:03 ip-172-31-40-218 dockerd[684]: time="2023-04-10T19:46:03.665306795Z" level=info msg="Loading containers: s  
Apr 10 19:46:04 ip-172-31-40-218 dockerd[684]: time="2023-04-10T19:46:04.873139021Z" level=info msg="Default bridge (docke  
Apr 10 19:46:05 ip-172-31-40-218 dockerd[684]: time="2023-04-10T19:46:05.081644328Z" level=info msg="Loading containers: d  
Apr 10 19:46:05 ip-172-31-40-218 dockerd[684]: time="2023-04-10T19:46:05.543882435Z" level=info msg="Docker daemon" commit  
Apr 10 19:46:05 ip-172-31-40-218 dockerd[684]: time="2023-04-10T19:46:05.547797680Z" level=info msg="Daemon has completed  
Apr 10 19:46:05 ip-172-31-40-218 systemd[1]: Started Docker Application Container Engine.  
Apr 10 19:46:05 ip-172-31-40-218 dockerd[684]: time="2023-04-10T19:46:05.743749833Z" level=info msg="API listen on /run/do  
lines 1-22/22 (END)
```

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~$  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~$ pwd  
/home/ubuntu  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~$ mkdir my-website  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~$ cd my-website/  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ wget https://www.free-css.com/assets/files/free-css-templates/download/page290/wave-cafe.zip  
--2023-04-10 20:06:14-- https://www.free-css.com/assets/files/free-css-templates/download/page290/wave-cafe.zip  
Resolving www.free-css.com (www.free-css.com)... 217.160.0.242, 2001:8d8:100f:f000::28f  
Connecting to www.free-css.com (www.free-css.com)|217.160.0.242|:443... connected.  
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK  
Length: 11896390 (11M) [application/zip]  
Saving to: 'wave-cafe.zip'  
  
wave-cafe.zip 100%[=====] 11.34M 6.08MB/s in 1.9s  
  
2023-04-10 20:06:17 (6.08 MB/s) - 'wave-cafe.zip' saved [11896390/11896390]  
  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ ls  
wave-cafe.zip  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ unzip wave-cafe.zip
```

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218: ~/my-website  
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/fontawesome/webfonts/fa-regular-400.ttf  
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/fontawesome/webfonts/fa-regular-400.woff  
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/fontawesome/webfonts/fa-regular-400.woff2  
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/fontawesome/webfonts/fa-solid-900.eot  
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/fontawesome/webfonts/fa-solid-900.svg  
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/fontawesome/webfonts/fa-solid-900.ttf  
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/fontawesome/webfonts/fa-solid-900.woff  
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/fontawesome/webfonts/fa-solid-900.woff2  
creating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/
```

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```
creating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/about-1.png
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/about-2.png
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/hot-americano.png
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/hot-cappuccino.png
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/hot-espresso.png
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/hot-latte.png
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/iced-americano.png
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/iced-cappuccino.png
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/iced-espresso.png
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/iced-latte.png
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/smoothie-1.png
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/smoothie-2.png
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/smoothie-3.png
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/smoothie-4.png
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/special-01.jpg
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/special-02.jpg
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/special-03.jpg
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/special-04.jpg
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/special-05.jpg
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/special-06.jpg
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/index.html
creating: 2121_wave_cafe/js/
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/js/jquery-3.4.1.min.js
creating: 2121_wave_cafe/video/
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/video/wave-cafe-video-bg.mp4
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ clear
```

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ ls
2121_wave_cafe  wave-cafe.zip
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ cd 2121_wave_cafe
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$ ls
css  fontawesome  img  index.html  js  video
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$ cp -R * ../
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$ cd ..
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ ls
2121_wave_cafe  css  fontawesome  img  index.html  js  video  wave-cafe.zip
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ rm -rf wave-cafe.zip 2121_wave_cafe
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ ls
css  fontawesome  img  index.html  js  video
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ nano Dockerfile
```

```
GNU nano 6.2 Dockerfile
FROM httpd:2.4
COPY . /usr/local/apache2/htdocs/
```

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```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ ls  
2121_wave_cafe wave-cafe.zip  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ cd 2121_wave_cafe  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$ ls  
css fontawesome img index.html js video  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$ cp -R * ../  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$ cd ..  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ ls  
2121_wave_cafe css fontawesome img index.html js video wave-cafe.zip  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ rm -rf wave-cafe.zip 2121_wave_cafe  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ ls  
css fontawesome img index.html js video  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ nano Dockerfile  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$  
Dockerfile css fontawesome img index.html js video  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ docker build . -t my-website:latest  
Sending build context to Docker daemon 13.61MB  
Step 1/2 : FROM httpd:2.4  
2.4: Pulling from library/httpd  
f1f26f570256: Pull complete  
a6b093a61967: Pull complete  
6b400bbb27df: Pull complete  
6e310dd059b6: Pull complete  
471cb5914961: Pull complete  
Digest: sha256:4055b18d92fd006f74d4a2aac172a371dc9a750eaa78000756dee55a9beb4625  
Status: Downloaded newer image for httpd:2.4  
--> dcla95e13784  
Step 2/2 : COPY . /usr/local/apache2/htdocs/  
--> 7d48427f5e2f  
Successfully built 7d48427f5e2f  
Successfully tagged my-website:latest  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ clear
```

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ docker images  
REPOSITORY TAG IMAGE ID CREATED SIZE  
my-website latest 7d48427f5e2f 15 seconds ago 159MB  
httpd 2.4 dcla95e13784 4 days ago 145MB  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ docker run -d -p 80:80 my-website:latest  
e0a6d7f3ab6718a1b648d9b5f00dccc89e846d1fe12bd568ce9b1412fc0d3c9da  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ docker ps  
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS  
e0a6d7f3ab67 my-website:latest "httpd-foreground" 8 seconds ago Up 7 seconds 0.0.0.0:80->80/tcp, :::80->80/tcp  
trusting_rosalind  
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
```

Conclusion: Thus, we have successfully learnt Dockerfile instructions & build an image for a sample web application using DockerFile.