

Challenge 3 Report: Establishing a Full-Stack Application Using Docker

Overview

The main objective of this project was to demonstrate how to configure a full-stack application using Docker. Docker streamlines deployment by creating isolated containers that simplify management, deployment, and scaling of applications. The architecture of the application consisted of three key components: a Node.js application, a MariaDB database, and an Nginx web server.

Preparation Requirements

Tools Required: The project necessitated the use of Docker and Docker Compose, essential for managing containerized applications. Installation links for Docker and Docker Compose can be found on their respective official websites.

Detailed Implementation Steps

1)Environment Setup:

Begin by crafting a .env file populated with crucial environment variables such as DB_USERNAME and DB_PASSWORD.

2) Docker file Construction:

- Node.js Configuration: Establish the Docker file within the Node.js application directory, detailing commands like FROM, COPY, RUN, and CMD.
- Database Setup: Set up the Docker file in the database directory to integrate the init.sql file during the build phase.
- Nginx Setup: Configure the Dockerfile for Nginx and detail the process of setting up the nginx.conf file. Important
- note: Adjust the COPY paths in the Dockerfiles to reflect the actual location relative to the root directory of each Dockerfile.

3)Compose File Configuration:

Construct the docker-compose.yml, defining how each service interacts within the architecture, including specifics on build context, ports, volumes, and dependencies among services.

4)Container Operations:

- Execute docker-compose up --build to build and initiate the containers.
- Verify the operational status of the containers using docker-compose ps.

5)Application Testing:

Validate the functionality by accessing the application via a web browser, ensuring that it performs as expected.

6) Troubleshooting:

Tackle common issues such as path errors in Dockerfile COPY commands and provide solutions for these challenges.

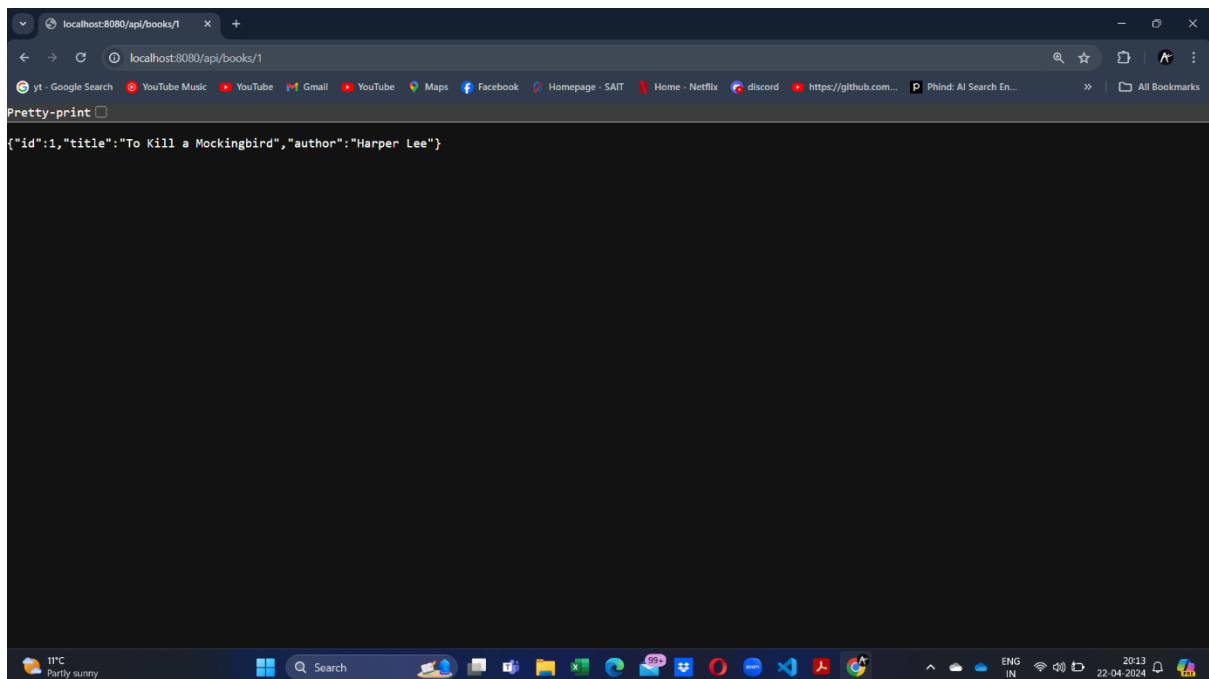
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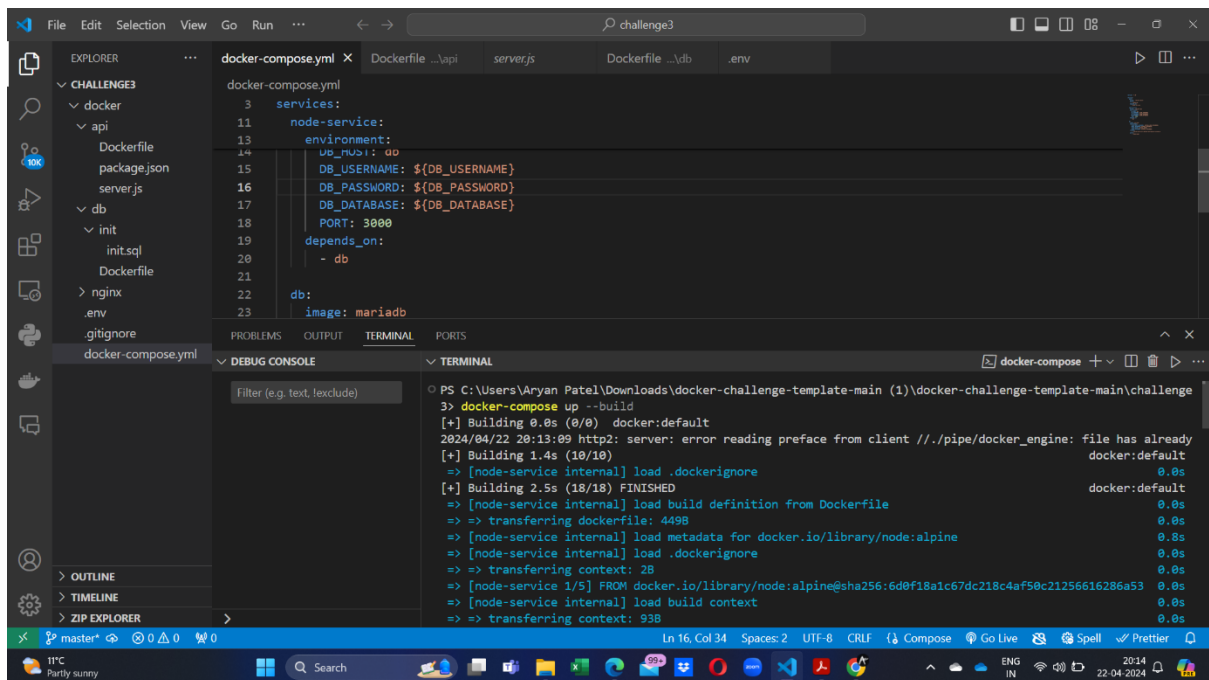
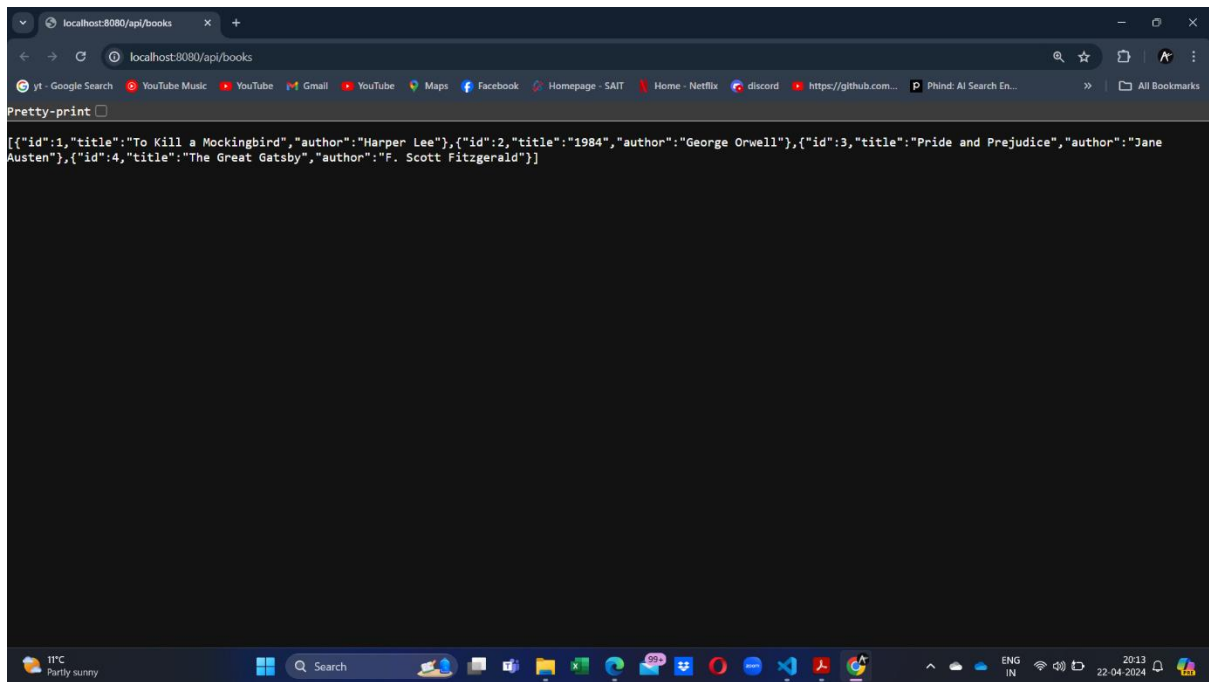
This documentation has encapsulated the process of setting up a full-stack application with Docker, emphasizing the configuration of individual components and their interconnections.

Cited References

Docker Documentation, Docker Docs. [Online] Available: <https://docs.docker.com> [Accessed: Apr 22,2024]

Screenshots





VS Code interface showing a Docker Compose setup for a challenge.

Explorer: CHALLENGE3 > docker > api > Dockerfile, package.json, server.js; db > init.sql; nginx > .env; .gitignore; docker-compose.yml

docker-compose.yml:

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3 services:
11   node-service:
13     environment:
15       DB_USERNAME: ${DB_USERNAME}
16       DB_PASSWORD: ${DB_PASSWORD}
17       DB_DATABASE: ${DB_DATABASE}
18       PORT: 3000
19     depends_on:
20       - db
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Terminal:

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PS C:\Users\Aryan Patel\Downloads\docker-challenge-template-main (1)\docker-challenge-templ
ate-main> cd docker-compose ps
NAME          STATUS    IMAGE          PORTS          COMMAND          SERVICE
challenge3-db-1 Up 11 hours mariadb        0.0.0.0:3306->3306/tcp "docker-entrypoint.s..." db
challenge3-nginx-1 Up 50 seconds challenge3-nginx "/docker-entrypoint..." nginx
challenge3-node-service-1 Up 10 hours challenge3-node-service "docker-entrypoint.s..." node-service
10 hours ago Up 10 hours 3000/tcp
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Terminal Output:

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Building 1.4s (10/10)
docker: default
=> [no de-serv ice int
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