

Cheat Sheet: Building Images and Running Containers

Dockerfile

- The following Dockerfile will work for both external and internal services
 - Create a file called **Dockerfile** in both the internal and external folders:

```
# base image
FROM node: lts-alpine
# Copy application code.
COPY . /app/
# Change the working directory
WORKDIR /app
# Install dependencies.
RUN npm install
# Start the Express app
CMD ["node", "server.js"]
```

Dockerfile (continued)

- Docker supports a concept similar to .gitignore to ignore certain folders or files
 - In our case, there is no need to copy the node_modules folder into the container image because the RUN npm install line will create it
- Create a file called .dockerignore in both the internal and external folders that has the contents below:

node_modules



Build

- To build external, from the **external** folder run the command:
 - o docker build . -t external:v1.0.0
- To build internal, from the **internal** folder run the command:
 - o docker build . -t internal:v1.0.0

Run Locally

• To run internal, from the internal folder:

```
docker run -d -p 8082:8082 -e SERVICE_PORT=8082 internal:v1.0.0
```

To run external, from the external folder

```
docker run -d -p 8080:8080 -e SERVER=http://localhost:8082 --network=host external:v1.0.0
```

- The SERVER environment variable is needed so the service can find the internal service
- Test your app by previewing on port 8080

Run Locally (continued)

- Other commands to try:
 - docker ps -a
 - o docker stop <ContainerID>
 - o docker rm <ContainerID>
 - docker images

Save All Changes to Git (Bonus)

- You added a Dockerfile and changed the app
 - Save the changes to the Git repo
 - Add, commit, and push the changes

Run Locally (Bonus)

- Try making a change to the code, then build a new Docker image and run the new version
 - Give the new container a different version when you build it
 - You will need to stop the previous version that is running before running the new version
 - Or you will get a port number already in use error