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1. Introduction

This project centers around building a microservice-based application using Docker and Docker Compose, demonstrating how various technology stacks can be containerized and orchestrated. The goal is to develop a fully functional web application that integrates API and database services, all managed within Docker containers. The tech stack includes Flask for the web interface, Fast API for the API layer, and PostgreSQL as the database.

2. Technologies Used

- Docker and Docker Compose
- Flask (python) for the web application
- FastAPI (Python) for API service
- PostgreSQL for the database
- Adminer for database management visualization

3. System Flow Diagram

The overall system architecture comprises multiple services working in isolation but networked through Docker. The services include:

1. A web application running Flask.
2. An API service developed with FastAPI.
3. A PostgreSQL database.
4. Adminer for database management.

4. Steps Executed in the Project

Exercise 1: Web-App Setup with Flask

- Created a Docker container for a Python-based Flask web application.

- Configured the app to run on port 8090 on the host and 5000 in the container.
- Ensured that the web application was functional with endpoints like `/add` and `/all`.

```

bouzenaali@Ali-MacBook web-app % docker build -t flaskapp .
[+] Building 2.6s (10/10) FINISHED
=> [internal] load build definition from Dockerfile
=> => transferring dockerfile: 177B
=> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/python:3.9-slim
=> [auth] library/python:pull token for registry-1.docker.io
=> [internal] load .dockerignore
=> => transferring context: 2B
=> [1/4] FROM docker.io/library/python:3.9-slim@sha256:7a9cd42706c174cdc578880ab9ae3b6551323a7ddbc2a89ad6e5b20a28fbfbc
=> [internal] load build context
=> => transferring context: 1.28kB
=> CACHED [2/4] WORKDIR /app
=> CACHED [3/4] COPY . /app
=> CACHED [4/4] RUN pip install --no-cache-dir -r requirements.txt
=> exporting to image
=> => exporting layers
=> => writing image sha256:87313bbd9ae4f1faf9d1fc347db983b245948ef3adaf62aff5ce11023f499df
=> => naming to docker.io/library/flaskapp

What's next:
View a summary of image vulnerabilities and recommendations -> docker scout quickview
bouzenaali@Ali-MacBook web-app % docker run -d -p 8090:5000 flaskapp
c9c334119ab60362c77731d252cee2698e98b972587dfcf93320calc0eb525e2
bouzenaali@Ali-MacBook web-app % docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED    STATUS    PORTS                               NAMES
c9c334119ab6   flaskapp  "python app.py"         3 seconds ago    Up 3 seconds    0.0.0.0:8090->5000/tcp    stupefied_mccarthy
bouzenaali@Ali-MacBook web-app %

```

Building and running my web app container

```

web-app > Dockerfile > ...
You, 13 minutes ago | 1 author (You)
1 FROM python:3.9-slim
2
3 WORKDIR /app
4
5 COPY . /app
6
7 RUN pip install --no-cache-dir -r requirements.txt
8
9 EXPOSE 5000
10
11 CMD ["python", "app.py"]
You, 2 weeks ago · add the first exercise

```

The dockerfile of web-app

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localhost

Student Information Form

Student ID:

First Name:

Last Name:

Module Code:

The result of the web-app

Exercise 2: API Setup with FastAPI

- Developed the API service with FastAPI, also containerized using Docker.
- Integrated the API with a temporary PostgreSQL database running in a separate container.
- Successfully exposed the API on port 8081, tested via the [/docs](#) FastAPI interface.
- Used **Docker network** to ensure seamless communication between the API service and the PostgreSQL database. This involved setting up a custom Docker network to allow both containers (API and database) to communicate without issues. This step was crucial for resolving connection challenges between the API and the database container.

```
bouzenaali@Ali-MacBook api % docker network create backend1  
3291b9583775f5a5582e5c9555ab43009b10e68b71416a62a079c88dc74d8ffd
```

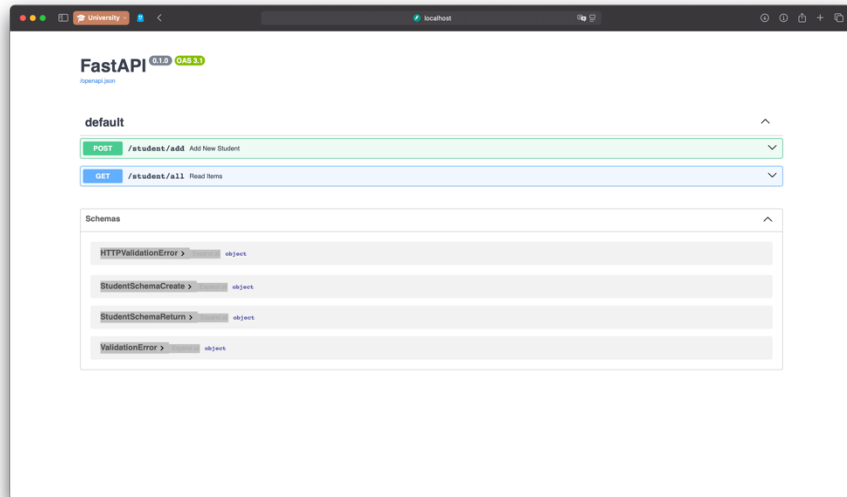
Create network named backend

```
bouzenaali@Ali-MacBook api % docker run --name database1 --network backend1 -p 5432:5432 -e POSTGRES_DB=student -e POSTGRES_USER=postgres -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=password -d postgres  
bf5269ff6df21cc333ab5046266fdf8b1d969d84a4c346019a15951a3485318d
```

Running temporary db in the backend network

```
Dockerfile x
api > Dockerfile > ...
You, 22 minutes ago | 1 author (You)
1 FROM python:3.9-slim
2
3 WORKDIR /app
4
5 COPY . /app
6
7 RUN pip install --no-cache-dir -r requirements.txt
8
9 EXPOSE 8080
10
11 CMD ["uvicorn", "main:app", "--host", "0.0.0.0", "--port", "8080"]
```

Dockerfile of the api



The result of the api

Exercise 3: Database Service Setup

- Configured a PostgreSQL database in a container.
- Introduced **Adminer** to visualize and manage the database from a browser at port 8091.
- Created a custom Docker network to allow inter-container communication, enabling the API to connect to the database.

```
bouzenaali@Ali-MacBook PROJECT1_Ali_BOUZENA_212133002547 % docker run --name database1 -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=password -d postgres d33332dbd19ad68c8863e1b8a1697303bddeac84a058c4025642cd5163686de
```

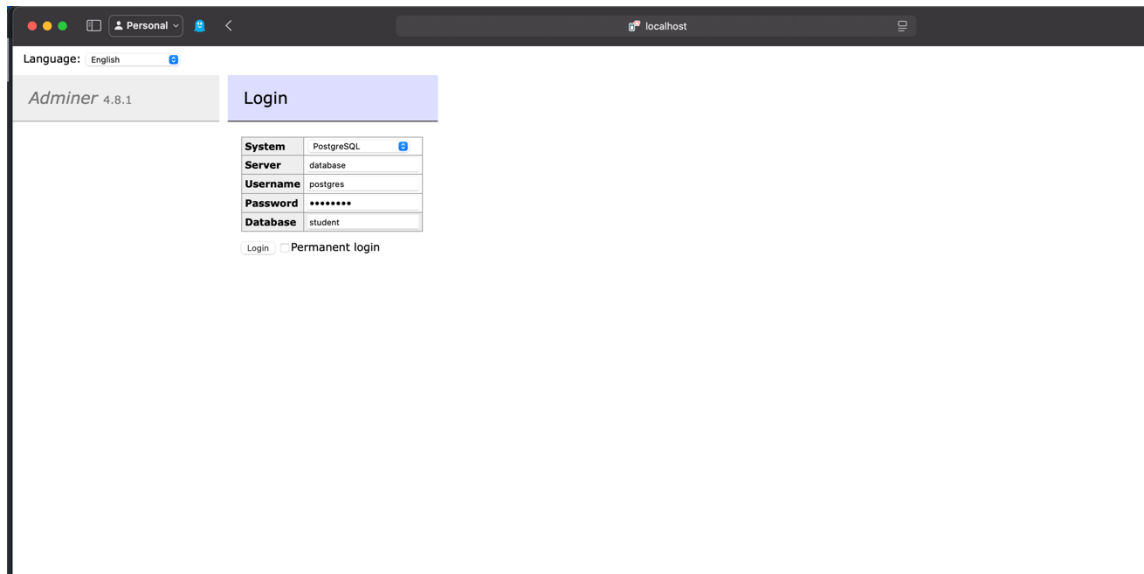
Configured a PostgreSQL database in a container.

```

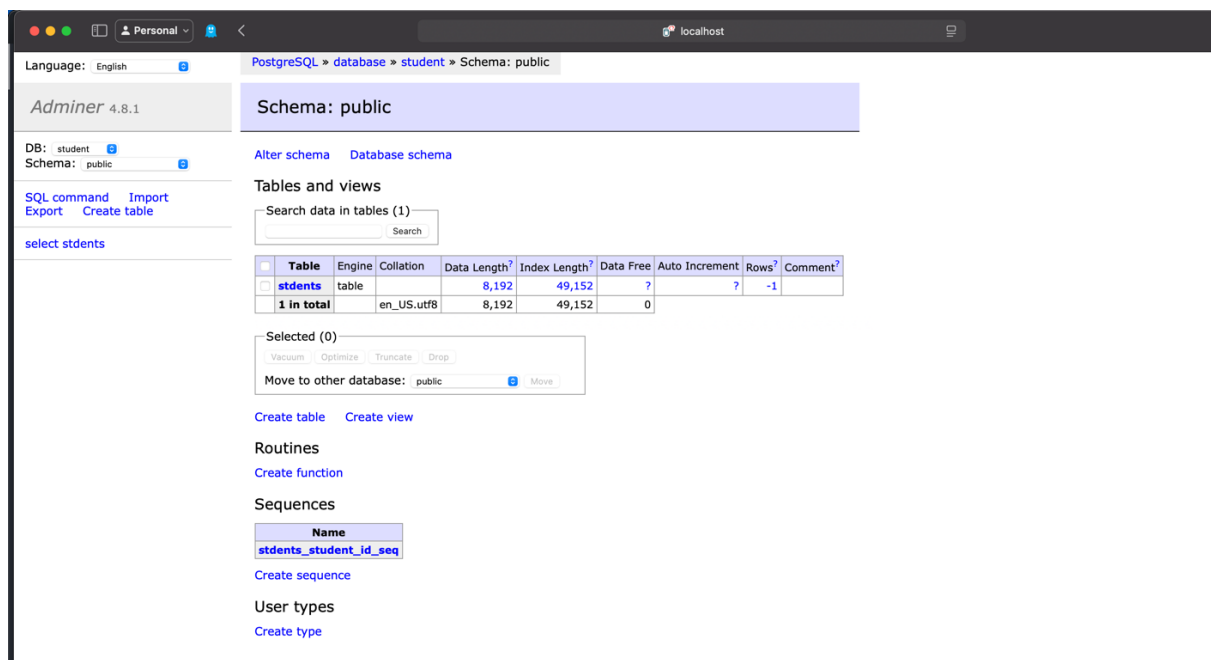
b3331f3e0d7c00e31ccc7f004d49777 bind for 0.0.0.0:8091 failed: port is already allocated.
bouzenaali@Ali-MacBook PROJECT1_Ali_BOUZENA_212133002547 % docker run -p 8092:8080 adminer
[Thu Oct 24 20:25:29 2024] PHP 7.4.33 Development Server (http://[::]:8080) started

```

Running adminer



Adminer before configure the network



Adminer works

Exercise 4: Docker Compose

- Consolidated all services (web-app, API, database, Adminer) into a single Docker Compose setup. ● Implemented network and volume management in the `docker-compose.yml` file.
- Verified that the web application interacts with the API and the data persists in the database.

5. Conclusion

This project effectively demonstrates the use of Docker and Docker Compose for managing microservices. Each component was containerized and seamlessly integrated using best practices such as shared networks, environment variables, and persistent volumes to ensure smooth operation and data persistence.