

Using Docker Compose and Dockerfiles to Deploy a Full Stack App

Setup

In a project directory called *fullStackApp*, create two sub-directories called *frontend* and *backend* and upload necessary application files inside each of the corresponding folder

For *frontend*, make sure the URLs inside *App.js* and *APIService.js* files are correct (i.e. pointing to <http://localhost:5000/> since that's where backend will be):

fullStackApp/frontend/src/App.js

```
fullStackApp > frontend > src > JS App.js > App > useEffect() callback
1  import './App.css';
2  import {useState, useEffect} from 'react';
3  import ArticleList from './components/ArticleList';
4  import Form from './components/Form'
5
6  function App() {
7
8      const [articles, setArticles] = useState([])
9      const [editedArticle, setEditedArticle] = useState(null)
10
11      ⚡useEffect(() => {
12          fetch('http://localhost:5000/get', {
13              'method': 'GET',
```

fullStackApp/frontend/src/components/APIServices.js

```
fullStackApp > frontend > src > components > JS APIService.js > APIService > InsertArticle
1  export default class APIService {
2      static UpdateArticle(id, body) {
3          return fetch(`http://localhost:5000/update/${id}`, {
4              'method': 'PUT',
5              headers: {
6                  'Content-Type': 'application/json'
7              },
8              body: JSON.stringify(body)
9          })
10         .then(resp => resp.json())
11     }
12
13     static InsertArticle(body) {
14         ⚡return fetch('http://localhost:5000/add', {
15             'method': 'POST',
```

Dockerfile

In each of the folders, create a *dockerfile* to build frontend and backend images:

fullStackApp/frontend/dockerfile

```
fullStackApp > frontend > 🐚 dockerfile
1  FROM node
2  WORKDIR /app
3  ADD . /app
4  RUN npm install -y
5  EXPOSE 3000
6  CMD ["npm", "start"]
```


fullStackApp/backend/dockerfile

```
fullStackApp > backend > 🐚 dockerfile
1  FROM python
2  RUN pip install -U pip
3  WORKDIR /app
4  COPY . /app
5  RUN pip install -r requirements.txt
6  EXPOSE 5000
7  ENTRYPOINT FLASK_APP=app flask run --host=0.0.0.0
```

Docker Compose

Then, create *docker-compose.yml* at the project directory level:

fullStackApp/docker-compose.yml

```
 docker-compose.yml
1  version: "3.8"
2
3  services:
4    frontend:
5      build: fullStackApp/frontend
6      ports:
7        - "3000:3000"
8    backend:
9      build: fullStackApp/backend
10     ports:
11       - "5000:5000"
```

- Lines 5 and 9 indicates the location of *dockerfile*, which contains the build configuration for creating container images
- Lines 6-7 and 10-11 indicates the mapping of host port to container port

Build Images and Containers

To create the images, build the containers and then start the containers, run the command ***docker-compose up***:

```

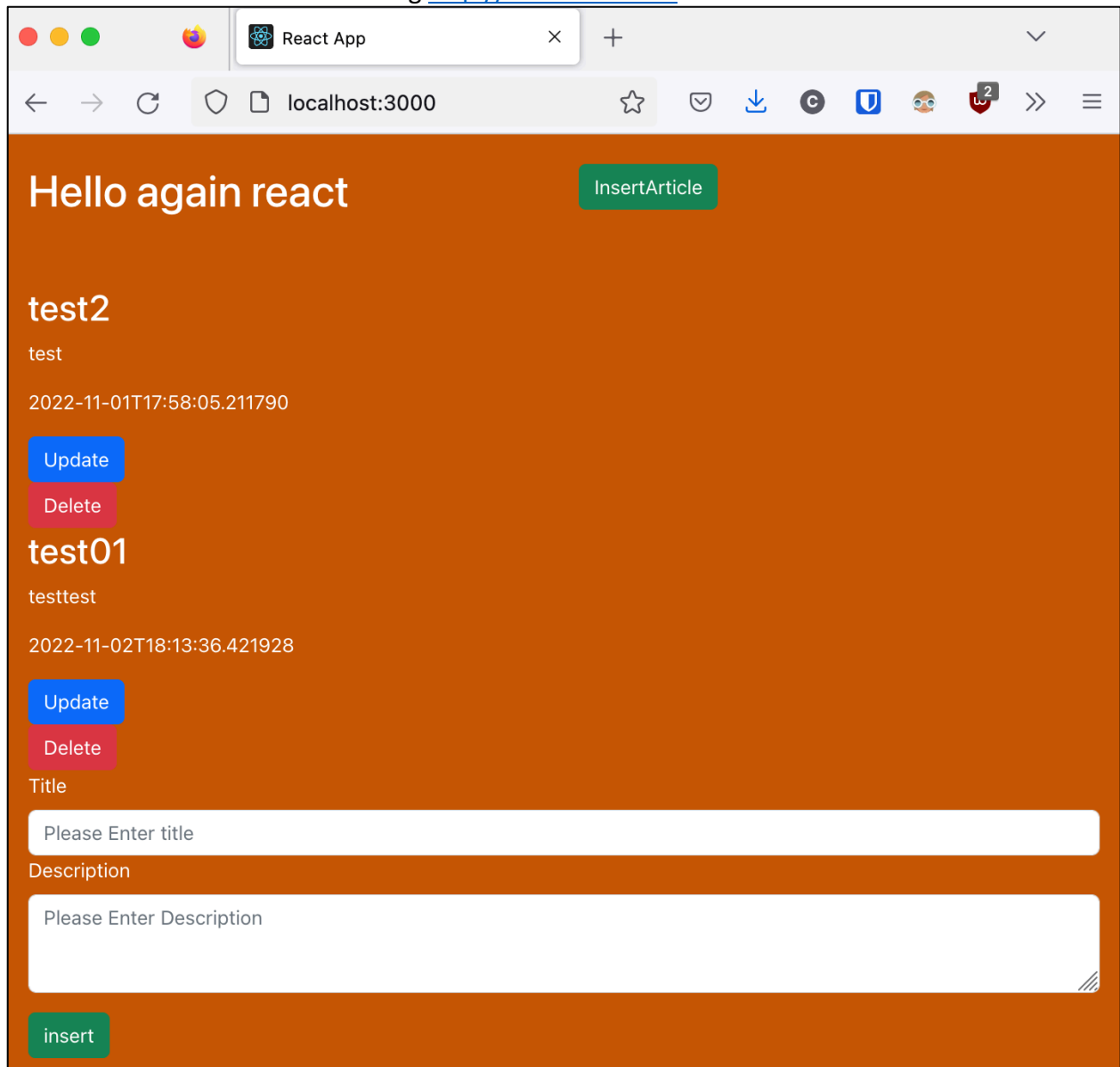
cadenhong@Cadens-MacBook-Pro wk19-activity-dockerCompose-react % docker-compose up
[+] Building 347.7s (19/19) FINISHED
=> [wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-backend internal] load build definition f 0.0s
=> => transferring dockerfile: 311B 0.0s
=> [wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-backend internal] load .dockerignore 0.1s
=> => transferring context: 2B 0.0s
=> [wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-frontend internal] load build definition 0.0s
=> => transferring dockerfile: 237B 0.0s
=> [wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-backend internal] load metadata for docke 0.0s
=> [wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-backend 1/5] FROM docker.io/library/pytho 0.0s
=> [wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-backend internal] load build context 0.0s

[+] Running 3/3
:: Network wk19-activity-dockercompose-react_default Created 0.2s
:: Container wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-frontend-1 Created 0.9s
:: Container wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-backend-1 Created 0.7s
Attaching to wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-backend-1, wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-frontend-1
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-backend-1 | * Serving Flask app 'app' (lazy loading)
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-backend-1 | * Environment: production
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-backend-1 | WARNING: This is a development server. Do not use it in a
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-backend-1 | production deployment.
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-backend-1 | Use a production WSGI server instead.
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-backend-1 | * Debug mode: off
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-frontend-1 | > frontend@0.1.0 start
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-frontend-1 | > react-scripts start
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-frontend-1 | /usr/local/lib/python3.11/site-packages/flask_sqlalchemy/_i
nit__.py:872: FSADeprecationWarning: SQLAlchemy_TRACK_MODIFICATIONS adds significant overhead and will be di
sabled by default in the future. Set it to True or False to suppress this warning.
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-backend-1 | warnings.warn(FSADeprecationWarning(
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-backend-1 | * Running on all addresses.

wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-frontend-1 | Starting the development server...
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-frontend-1 | Compiled successfully!
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-frontend-1 | You can now view frontend in the browser.
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-frontend-1 | Local: http://localhost:3000
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-frontend-1 | On Your Network: http://172.27.0.2:3000
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-frontend-1 | Note that the development build is not optimized.
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-frontend-1 | To create a production build, use npm run build.
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-frontend-1 | webpack compiled successfully
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-frontend-1 | Compiling...
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-frontend-1 | Compiled successfully!
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-frontend-1 | webpack compiled successfully

```

Access the frontend container using <http://localhost:3000>:



Log shows that the GET request to backend data was successful:

```
wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-backend-1 | 172.27.0.1 - - [12/Nov/2022 14:39:50] "GET /get HTTP/1.1" 200 -
```

Clean Up

To destroy the created containers and images, run the command ***docker-compose down***:

```
cadenhong@Cadens-MacBook-Pro wk19-activity-dockercompose-react % docker-compose down
[+] Running 3/3
  :: Container wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-backend-1   Removed      0.4s
  :: Container wk19-activity-dockercompose-react-frontend-1  Removed      0.8s
  :: Network wk19-activity-dockercompose-react_default       Removed      0.2s
```

Notice that there is a network that gets created with ***docker-compose up*** and deleted with ***docker-compose down***:

Docker Compose Documentation:

By default Compose sets up a single network for your app. Each container for a service joins the default network and is both reachable by other containers on that network, and discoverable by them at a hostname identical to the container name.
