

Docker Compose: Spring Boot and MySQL

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<https://www.docker.com/>) provides lightweight containers to run services in isolation
frastructure so we can deliver software quickly. In this tutorial, I will show you how
a Spring Boot microservice and MySQL example using Docker Compose
[cs.docker.com/compose/](https://docs.docker.com/compose/)).

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Overview

Assume that we have a Spring Boot Application working with MySQL database.

The problem is to containerize a system that requires more than one Docker container:

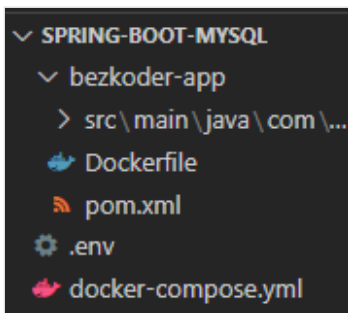
- Spring Boot for Rest API
- MySQL for database

Docker Compose helps us setup the system more easily and efficiently than with only Docker.

We're gonna following these steps:

- Create Spring Boot App working with MySQL database.
- Create Dockerfile for Spring Boot App.
- Write Docker Compose configurations in YAML file.
- Set Spring Boot Docker Compose Environment variables.
- Run the system.

Directory Structure:



Create Spring Boot App

You can read and get Github source code from one of following tutorials:

– Spring Boot, Spring Data JPA, MySQL – Rest CRUD API example

(<https://www.bezkoder.com/spring-boot-jpa-crud-rest-api/>)

– Spring Boot Token based Authentication with Spring Security & JWT

(<https://www.bezkoder.com/spring-boot-jwt-authentication/>)

– Spring Boot + GraphQL + MySQL example (<https://www.bezkoder.com/spring-boot-graphql-mysql/>)



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– Spring Boot Rest XML example – Web service with XML Response

(<https://www.bezkoder.com/spring-boot-rest-xml/>)

– Spring Boot: Upload CSV file data into MySQL Database (<https://www.bezkoder.com/spring-boot-upload-csv-file/>)

– Spring Boot: Upload Excel file data into MySQL Database

(<https://www.bezkoder.com/spring-boot-upload-excel-file-database/>)

Using the code base above, we put the Spring Boot project in **bezcoder-app** folder without the need of **resources/application.properties**. It is because Environment variables will be exported to `.env` file.

Create Dockerfile for Spring Boot App

Dockerfile defines a list of commands that Docker uses for setting up the Spring Boot application environment. So we put the file in **bezcoder-app** folder.

Because we will use Docker Compose, we won't define all the configuration commands in this Dockerfile.

bezcoder-app/Dockerfile

```
FROM maven:3.8.2-jdk-8
```

```
WORKDIR /bezcoder-app
```

```
COPY . .
```

```
RUN mvn clean install
```

```
CMD mvn spring-boot:run
```

Let me explain some points:

- FROM : install the image of the Maven – JDK version.
- WORKDIR : path of the working directory.
- COPY : copy all the files inside the project directory to the container.
- RUN : execute a command-line inside the container: `mvn clean install` to install the dependencies in `pom.xml`.
- CMD : run script `mvn spring-boot:run` after the image is built.

Write Docker Compose configurations

On the root of the project directory, we're gonna create the `docker-compose.yml` file. Follow version 3 (<https://docs.docker.com/compose/compose-file/compose-file-v3/>) syntax defined by Docker:





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```
version: '3.8'
```

```
services:
```

```
  mysqldb:
```

```
  app:
```

```
volumes:
```

- `version` : Docker Compose file format version will be used.
- `services` : individual services in isolated containers. Our application has two services: `app` (Spring Boot) and `mysqldb` (MySQL database).
- `volumes` (<https://docs.docker.com/storage/volumes/>) : named volumes that keeps our data alive after restart.

Let's implement the details.

`docker-compose.yml`



```

version: "3.8"

services:
  mysqldb:
    image: mysql:5.7
    restart: unless-stopped
    env_file: ./env
    environment:
      - MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD=$MYSQLDB_ROOT_PASSWORD
      - MYSQL_DATABASE=$MYSQLDB_DATABASE
    ports:
      - $MYSQLDB_LOCAL_PORT:$MYSQLDB_DOCKER_PORT
    volumes:
      - db:/var/lib/mysql
  app:
    depends_on:
      - mysqldb
    build: ./bezkoder-app
    restart: on-failure
    env_file: ./env
    ports:
      - $SPRING_LOCAL_PORT:$SPRING_DOCKER_PORT
    environment:
      SPRING_APPLICATION_JSON: '{
        "spring.datasource.url" : "jdbc:mysql://mysqldb:$MYSQLDB_DOCKER_PORT/$MYSQLD
        "spring.datasource.username" : "$MYSQLDB_USER",
        "spring.datasource.password" : "$MYSQLDB_ROOT_PASSWORD",
        "spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.dialect" : "org.hibernate.dialect.MySQL5Inno
        "spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto" : "update"
      }'
    volumes:
      - .m2:/root/.m2
    stdin_open: true
    tty: true

```

volumes:

db:

– mysqldb:

- image : official Docker image
- restart : configure the restart policy (<https://docs.docker.com/config/containers/start-containers-automatically/#use-a-restart-policy>)
- env_file : specify our .env path that we will create later
- environment : provide setting using environment variables
- ports : specify ports will be used
- volumes : map volume folders

– **app:**

- `depends_on` (https://docs.docker.com/compose/compose-file/compose-file-v3/#depends_on) : dependency order, **mysqldb** is started before **app**
- `build` : configuration options that are applied at build time that we defined in the *Dockerfile* with relative path
- `environment` : environmental variables that Spring Boot application uses
- `stdin_open` and `tty` : keep open the terminal after building container

You should note that the host port (`LOCAL_PORT`) and the container port (`DOCKER_PORT`) is different. Networked service-to-service communication uses the container port, and the outside uses the host port.

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Docker Compose Environment variables

In the service configuration, we used environmental variables defined inside the `.env` file. Now we start writing it.

`.env`

```

MYSQLDB_USER=root
MYSQLDB_ROOT_PASSWORD=123456
MYSQLDB_DATABASE=bezkoder_db
MYSQLDB_LOCAL_PORT=3307
MYSQLDB_DOCKER_PORT=3306

SPRING_LOCAL_PORT=6868
SPRING_DOCKER_PORT=8080

```

Run the Spring Boot microservice with Docker Compose

We can easily run the whole with only a single command:

```
docker-compose up
```

Docker will pull the MySQL and Maven images (if our machine does not have it before).

The services can be run on the background with command:

```
docker-compose up -d
```



```

$ docker-compose up -d
Creating network "spring-boot-mysql_default" with the default driver
Creating volume "spring-boot-mysql_db" with default driver
Pulling mysqldb (mysql:5.7)...
5.7: Pulling from library/mysql
e1acddb380c: Pull complete
bed879327370: Pull complete
03285f80bafd: Pull complete
ccc17412a00a: Pull complete
1f556ecc09d1: Pull complete
adc5528e468d: Pull complete
1afc286d5d53: Pull complete
4d2d9261e3ad: Pull complete
ac609d7b31f8: Pull complete
53ee1339bc3a: Pull complete
b0c0a831a707: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:7cf2e7d7ff876f93c8601406a5aa17484e6623875e64e7acc71432ad8e0a3d7e
Status: Downloaded newer image for mysql:5.7
Building app
Sending build context to Docker daemon 22.02kB
Step 1/5 : FROM maven:3.8.2-jdk-8
----> 80704b8c5fbd
Step 2/5 : WORKDIR /bezcoder-app
----> Running in f63e76f45fcc
Removing intermediate container f63e76f45fcc
----> 10802ac64cea
Step 3/5 : COPY . .
----> 9dcd16082f00
Step 4/5 : RUN mvn clean install
----> Running in 288bea890f74
[INFO] Scanning for projects...
Downloading from central: https://repo.maven.apache.org/maven2/org/springframework/bo
Downloaded from central: https://repo.maven.apache.org/maven2/org/springframework/boo
Downloading from central: https://repo.maven.apache.org/maven2/org/springframework/bo
Downloaded from central: https://repo.maven.apache.org/maven2/org/springframework/boo
...
[INFO] Installing /bezcoder-app/target/spring-boot-data-jpa-0.0.1-SNAPSHOT.jar to /ro
[INFO] Installing /bezcoder-app/pom.xml to /root/.m2/repository/com/bezkoder/spring-b
[INFO] -----
[INFO] BUILD SUCCESS
[INFO] -----
[INFO] Total time: 02:41 min
[INFO] Finished at: 2021-08-18T04:10:08Z
[INFO] -----
Removing intermediate container 288bea890f74
----> adddf4648410
Step 5/5 : CMD mvn spring-boot:run
----> Running in c81f8028e2eb
Removing intermediate container c81f8028e2eb
----> 1f710daedbf2

```



```

Successfully built 1f710daedbf2
Successfully tagged spring-boot-mysql_app:latest
WARNING: Image for service app was built because it did not already exist. To rebuild
Creating spring-boot-mysql_mysqlldb_1 ... done
Creating spring-boot-mysql_app_1      ... done

```

Now you can check the current working containers:

```

$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE                                COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS
5ad28f104e8b   spring-boot-mysql_app               "/usr/local/bin/mvn-..." 3 minutes ago   Up 3
ba9281773e7f   mysql:5.7                           "docker-entrypoint.s..." 3 minutes ago   Up 3

```

And Docker images:

```

$ docker images
REPOSITORY          TAG          IMAGE ID          CREATED          SIZE
spring-boot-mysql_app  latest      1f710daedbf2     5 minutes ago   672MB
mysql                5.7         6c20ffa54f86     6 minutes ago   448MB
maven                3.8.2-jdk-8 80704b8c5fbd     6 minutes ago   525MB

```

Send a HTTP request to the Spring Boot – MySQL system:

The screenshot shows a REST client interface. The top bar indicates a POST request to `http://localhost:6868/api/tutorials`. The 'Body' tab is selected, showing a raw JSON request:

```

{
  "title": "bezkoder Docker Spring Boot MySQL",
  "description": "Tut#1 Description"
}

```

The response section shows a 201 status code, 'Created', with a response time of 893 ms. The response body is displayed in 'Pretty' JSON format:

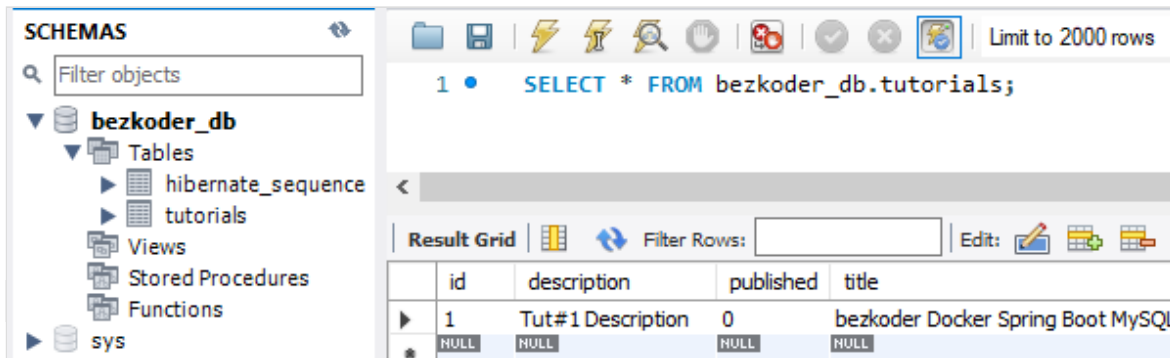
```

{
  "id": 1,
  "title": "bezkoder Docker Spring Boot MySQL",
  "description": "Tut#1 Description",
  "published": false
}

```

Check MySQL Database:





Stop the Application

Stopping all the running containers is also simple with a single command:

```
docker-compose down
```

```
$ docker-compose down
Stopping spring-boot-mysql_app_1      ... done
Stopping spring-boot-mysql_mysqlldb_1 ... done
Removing spring-boot-mysql_app_1      ... done
Removing spring-boot-mysql_mysqlldb_1 ... done
Removing network spring-boot-mysql_default
```

If you need to stop and remove all containers, networks, and all images used by any service in *docker-compose.yml* file, use the command:

```
docker-compose down --rmi all
```

Conclusion

Today we've successfully created Docker Compose file for Spring Boot application and MySQL. Now we can connect Spring Boot to MySQL with Docker on a very simple way: *docker-compose.yml*.

You can apply this way to one of following project:

- Spring Boot, Spring Data JPA, MySQL – Rest CRUD API example
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If you want to deploy the system on AWS, please visit:

Deploy Spring Boot App on AWS – Elastic Beanstalk (<https://www.bezkoder.com/deploy-spring-boot-aws-eb/>)

Happy Learning! See you again.

Source Code

The source code for this tutorial can be found at Github (<https://github.com/bezkoder/docker-compose-spring-boot-mysql>).

You can deploy the container on Digital Ocean (https://www.digitalocean.com/?refcode=560b7a03275b&utm_campaign=Referral_Invite&utm_medium=Referral_Program&utm_source=CopyPaste) with very small budget: **5\$/month**.

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(<https://www.digitalocean.com/?>

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luis ortiz

February 22, 2022 at 5:18 pm (<https://www.bezkoder.com/docker-compose-spring-boot-mysql/#comment-19689>)

Hi,

Thanks for the tutorial, I have a questio. Why allways get this message:

curl: (52) empty reply from server -> From curl command cmd

Error: socket hang up -> From postman petition

Thanks

Adrian

January 9, 2022 at 5:50 pm (<https://www.bezkoder.com/docker-compose-spring-boot-mysql/#comment-18038>)

Do I have to rebuild the image everytime I make a change in the spring boot app?

Barretttt

December 24, 2021 at 12:32 pm (<https://www.bezkoder.com/docker-compose-spring-boot-mysql/#comment-17135>)

omg, thanks!

is the healthcheck not necessary in the mysqldb service?

Josh

November 23, 2021 at 2:16 pm (<https://www.bezkoder.com/docker-compose-spring-boot-mysql/#comment-15588>)

Hi, thanks for the tutorial, its great! Could you explain how the tables within the database are being created? I am currently also looking at the tutorial you made for implementing jwt tokens on a java backend and wanted to be able to create the roles, users etc tables that you had. Once again, thanks for all the great stuff!

jiji

November 11, 2021 at 4:29 pm (<https://www.bezkoder.com/docker-compose-spring-boot-mysql/#comment-15128>)

hello, how about the front-end part using angular ?

bezkodeer

November 12, 2021 at 3:05 am (<https://www.bezkoder.com/docker-compose-spring-boot-mysql/#comment-15147>)

Hi, I will write the tutorial when having time 😊

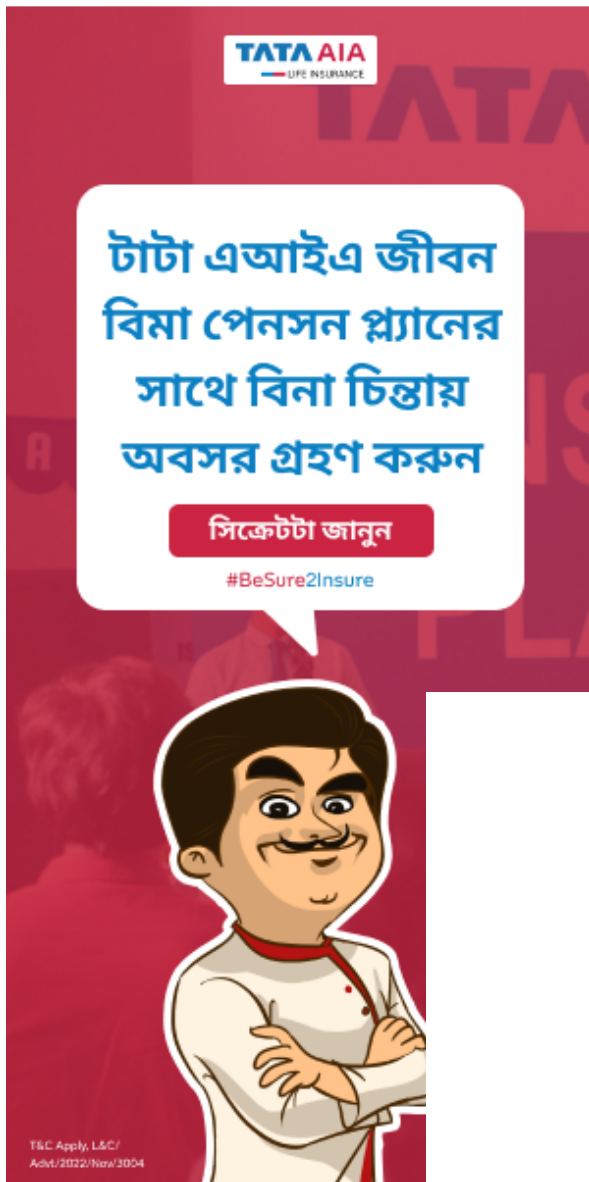
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