Docker Deployment Guide for ORBAPI OCR Service

Prerequisites

- Docker Engine 20.10+
- Docker Compose 2.0+
- At least 8GB RAM
- 4 CPU cores recommended

Quick Start

1. Build and Run with Docker Compose (Recommended)

```
# Build and start the service
docker-compose up -d --build

# View logs
docker-compose logs -f ocr-api

# Check status
docker-compose ps

# Stop the service
docker-compose down
```

2. Build and Run with Docker

```
# Build the image
docker build -t orbapi-ocr:latest .

# Run the container
docker run -d \
    --name orbapi-ocr \
    -p 8000:8000 \
    -v $(pwd)/models:/app/models:ro \
    -v $(pwd)/logs:/app/logs \
    orbapi-ocr:latest

# View logs
docker logs -f orbapi-ocr
# Stop the container
```

```
docker stop orbapi-ocr
docker rm orbapi-ocr
```



```
ORBAPI/
- Dockerfile
                     # Docker image definition
fastapi_server_new.py # Main FastAPI application
                     # YOLO models (mounted as volume)
── models/
  └─ pt/
├─ lockup/
                    # Template images for ORB alignment
-- weights/
                     # OCR model weights
                     # Application logs (persistent)
  - logs/
  L— tasks/
                      # Uploaded images (optional)
images/
```

Configuration

Environment Variables

Edit docker-compose.yml to customize:

```
environment:
    - PYTHONUNBUFFERED=1  # Real-time log output
    - NNPACK_WARN=0  # Suppress NNPACK warnings
    - TZ=Asia/Ho_Chi_Minh  # Timezone
    # Add your custom variables:
    # - API_KEY=your_secret_key
    # - MAX_WORKERS=4
```

Resource Limits

Adjust CPU and memory limits in docker-compose.yml:

```
deploy:
    resources:
    limits:
        cpus: '4'  # Maximum 4 CPU cores
        memory: 8G  # Maximum 8GB RAM
    reservations:
        cpus: '2'  # Minimum 2 CPU cores
        memory: 4G  # Minimum 4GB RAM
```

Port Configuration

Change the exposed port:

```
ports:
- "8080:8000" # External:Internal
```

Health Check

The service includes built-in health checks:

```
# Check health via API
curl http://localhost:8000/health

# Check Docker health status
docker inspect --format='{{.State.Health.Status}}' orbapi-ocr
```

Expected response:

```
{
   "status": "healthy",
   "engines": {
      "paddleocr": {"available": true, "status": "ready"},
      "vietocr": {"available": true, "status": "ready"}
   }
}
```

Volumes

Persistent Data

Volumes mounted by default:

```
    Models (read-only): ./models:/app/models:ro
    Lockup templates (read-only): ./lockup:/app/lockup:ro
    Weights (read-only): ./weights:/app/weights:ro
    Logs (read-write): ./logs:/app/logs
    Images (read-write): ./images:/app/images
```

Update Models Without Rebuild

```
# Copy new model to host
cp new_model.pt ./models/pt/

# Restart container to reload
docker-compose restart ocr-api
```

API Access

Once running, access:

- Web Interface: http://localhost:8000
- API Documentation: http://localhost:8000/docs
- Health Check: http://localhost:8000/health
- Scan API: http://localhost:8000/api/scan/

Test with curl

```
# Health check
curl http://localhost:8000/health

# Scan image
curl -X POST "http://localhost:8000/api/scan/" \
   -H "Content-Type: multipart/form-data" \
   -F "file=@test_image.jpg"
```

Troubleshooting

Container won't start

```
# Check logs
docker-compose logs ocr-api

# Common issues:
# 1. Port 8000 already in use
docker-compose down
lsof -i :8000 # Find process using port
kill -9 <PID>

# 2. Insufficient memory
# Increase Docker Desktop memory allocation to at least 8GB
```

Models not loading

```
# Verify models directory
ls -la ./models/pt/

# Check volume mounts
docker inspect orbapi-ocr | grep Mounts -A 20

# Rebuild if needed
docker-compose down
docker-compose up -d --build
```

Slow performance

Out of memory errors

```
# Reduce workers
CMD ["uvicorn", "fastapi_server_new:app", "--host", "0.0.0.0", "--port",
    "8000", "--workers", "2"]
# Increase memory limit
docker-compose down
# Edit docker-compose.yml: memory: 12G
docker-compose up -d
```

Monitoring

View real-time logs

```
# All logs
docker-compose logs -f ocr-api

# Last 100 lines
docker-compose logs --tail=100 ocr-api

# Filter for errors
docker-compose logs ocr-api | grep ERROR
```

Resource usage

```
# CPU and memory usage
docker stats orbapi-ocr

# Disk usage
docker system df
```

Access container shell

```
# Interactive bash
docker exec -it orbapi-ocr bash

# Check processes
docker exec orbapi-ocr ps aux

# Check Python version
docker exec orbapi-ocr python --version
```

Updates and Maintenance

Update application code

```
# Pull latest code
git pull origin main

# Rebuild and restart
docker-compose down
docker-compose up -d --build
```

Backup

```
# Backup models
tar -czf models_backup_$(date +%Y%m%d).tar.gz models/

# Backup logs
tar -czf logs_backup_$(date +%Y%m%d).tar.gz logs/

# Export Docker image
docker save orbapi-ocr:latest | gzip > orbapi-ocr_latest.tar.gz
```

Restore

```
# Restore models
tar -xzf models_backup_20251004.tar.gz

# Load Docker image
docker load < orbapi-ocr_latest.tar.gz</pre>
```

Clean up

```
# Remove stopped containers
docker container prune

# Remove unused images
docker image prune -a

# Remove unused volumes
docker volume prune

# Full cleanup (CAUTION: removes all unused Docker resources)
docker system prune -a --volumes
```

Production Deployment

Use production server

Edit Dockerfile:

```
# Change from development server
CMD ["gunicorn", "fastapi_server_new:app", \
    "--workers", "4", \
    "--worker-class", "uvicorn.workers.UvicornWorker", \
    "--bind", "0.0.0.0:8000", \
    "--timeout", "300"]
```

Add gunicorn to requirements:

```
echo "gunicorn" >> requirements.txt
```

Enable HTTPS

Use a reverse proxy like Nginx:

```
# docker-compose.yml
services:
    nginx:
    image: nginx:alpine
    ports:
        - "443:443"
        - "80:80"
    volumes:
        - ./nginx.conf:/etc/nginx/nginx.conf:ro
        - ./ssl:/etc/nginx/ssl:ro
    depends_on:
        - ocr-api
```

Auto-restart on failure

Already configured in docker-compose.yml:

```
restart: unless-stopped
```

Notes

- 1. First build takes time: Downloading dependencies (~5-10 minutes)
- 2. Model loading: Service needs 30-60 seconds to load all models
- 3. Memory usage: Expect 2-4GB base + 500MB per concurrent request
- 4. GPU support: Not included. Add NVIDIA Docker runtime for GPU acceleration
- 5. **Scaling**: Use Kubernetes or Docker Swarm for multi-node deployment

Support Support

If you encounter issues:

- 1. Check logs: docker-compose logs ocr-api
- 2. Verify health: curl http://localhost:8000/health
- 3. Check resources: docker stats
- 4. Review this guide's Troubleshooting section

Additional Resources

- FastAPI Documentation
- Docker Compose Reference
- Uvicorn Deployment

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