

Lab: Docker Compose

Lab for the "Containers and Clouds" course @ SoftUni

In the exercises below we will learn how to **work with Docker images, Dockerfiles, volumes, networks, Docker Compose**, etc. to run **multi-container apps in Docker**.

1. MyWebsite App: Building a Custom Image

Step 1: Create a Dockerfile

Our first task is to **create a Dockerfile for a Vue.js app**, which will allow us to **run it in a Docker container**.

First, we have to go to the **root** folder of the **Vue.js** app that we created and ran in our previous session.

Our next step is **creating a Dockerfile** in this **directory**. The **Dockerfile** contains **instructions** on how an **image for the app should be created**. As we know, **Dockerfiles** are **just text files**, so we can create our own and open it with a text editor of our choice. Note that the name of the file should be **"Dockerfile"** without any extensions.

The content should be as shown below:

```
1 FROM node:16
2
3 WORKDIR /app
4
5 COPY . .
6
7 RUN npm install
8
9 CMD ["npm", "run", "dev"]
```

Each Dockerfile starts with **"FROM"**, so we start creating an image, based on the existing image **node:16**.

After that, we will **set the "app" folder** as the **current working directory** and we'll **copy** all of the **project files and folders to it**. This will add a layer.

Then, we run the **npm install** command in order to **install the necessary dependencies**, so that our app can run. This will form another layer, too.

Finally, we execute the **npm run dev** commands, in order to run the scripts that defined inside our app's **package.json** file.

Step 2: Build and Publish the Image to Docker Hub

Build the Image

We can now **build a custom image** with this **Dockerfile**. Open a CLI, for example **Powershell**, and fulfill the **following steps** to do it:

- Navigate to the **MyWebsite** directory
- Use the **docker image build** command to **build the image**
- Set the **local directory** as the **working directory**
- With the **-f** option, set the **path to the Dockerfile**

- With the **-t** option, set the **name of the image** in format **{your_docker_hub_username}/{app_name}**, as we will later **add our image to Docker Hub**

The **whole command** should look like this:

```
PS C:\Users\      \MyWebsite> docker image build -t my-webapp .
[+] Building 57.7s (9/9) FINISHED
=> [internal] load .dockerignore                                0.0s
=> => transferring context: 2B                                  0.0s
=> [internal] load build definition from Dockerfile             0.0s
=> => transferring dockerfile: 117B                             0.0s
=> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/node:16      0.0s
=> [1/4] FROM docker.io/library/node:16                        0.1s
=> [internal] load build context                                32.8s
=> => transferring context: 99.27MB                             31.9s
=> [2/4] WORKDIR /app                                           0.0s
=> [3/4] COPY . .                                               15.4s
=> [4/4] RUN npm install                                         8.2s
=> exporting to image                                           1.3s
=> => exporting layers                                          1.2s
=> => writing image sha256:975d2fe533817deb55065688f27abc59d3f2ef925eb38e27fbaa4168e 0.0s
=> => naming to docker.io/library/my-webapp                    0.0s
```

Note that we can examine how the **instructions from the Dockerfile** are executed to **build the image**.

We can check the **ready image** with the **docker images** command.

```
PS C:\Users\      \MyWebsite> docker images
REPOSITORY          TAG          IMAGE ID          CREATED          SIZE
my-webapp            latest       975d2fe53381     7 minutes ago   1.02GB
```

Publish the image

Now let's see how to **push our custom image to Docker Hub**. Note that this is **not needed** for running a container with that image – you can have the **image only locally** and still use it. However, it is good to know **how to push images**.

To **push our image to Docker Hub**, we should first **log-in to Docker Hub** with the command below. If this is the **first time** you log in, you should **enter your credentials**. Make sure that **login is successful**:

```
PS C:\Users\      \MyWebsite> docker login
Authenticating with existing credentials...
Login Succeeded

Logging in with your password grants your terminal complete access to your account.
For better security, log in with a limited-privilege personal access token. Learn more at https://docs.docker.com/go/access-tokens/
```

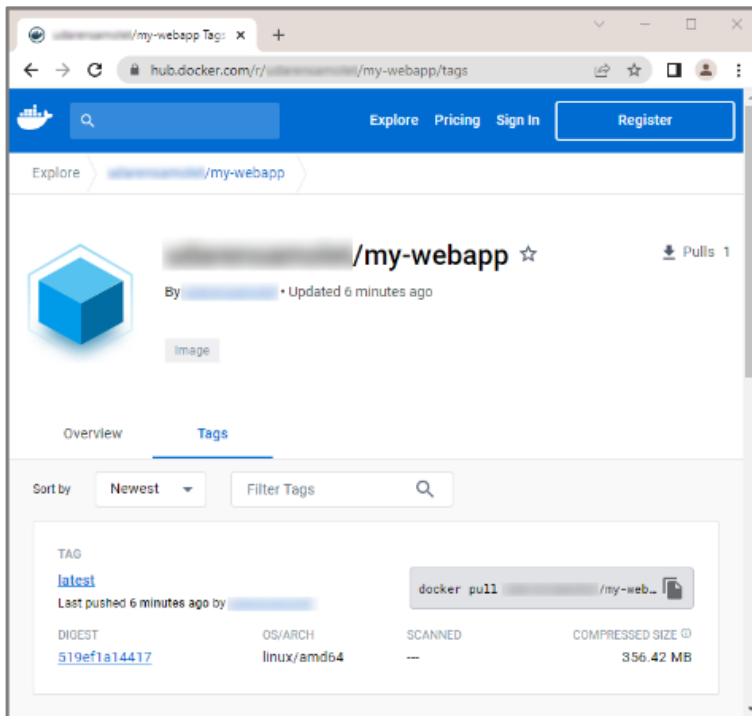
Now you should only **push the image**:

```

PS C:\Users\ \MyWebsite> docker tag my-webapp /my-webapp
PS C:\Users\ \MyWebsite> docker push /my-webapp
Using default tag: latest
The push refers to repository [docker.io/ /my-webapp]
f018d0224715: Pushed
60924be50ac8: Pushed
4179ffb128d8: Pushed
c4d7495580fd: Mounted from library/node
4aa2274f91a0: Mounted from library/node
75b410f76042: Mounted from library/node
5c7da2ce555d: Mounted from library/node
c73ad13a1488: Mounted from library/node
f584c095e67e: Mounted from library/node
ee4d330edba0: Mounted from library/node
f689d32da261: Mounted from library/node
latest: digest: sha256:519ef1a14417d7caf25b814e7af48cac1e0ab1be98205d2a0c2d7808efd18957 size: 2633

```

And it now is **available at Docker Hub** as a **public image**:







Run the Image as a Container

Finally, let's run the newly-created **image** as a **container** on the **right port**, using the command below:

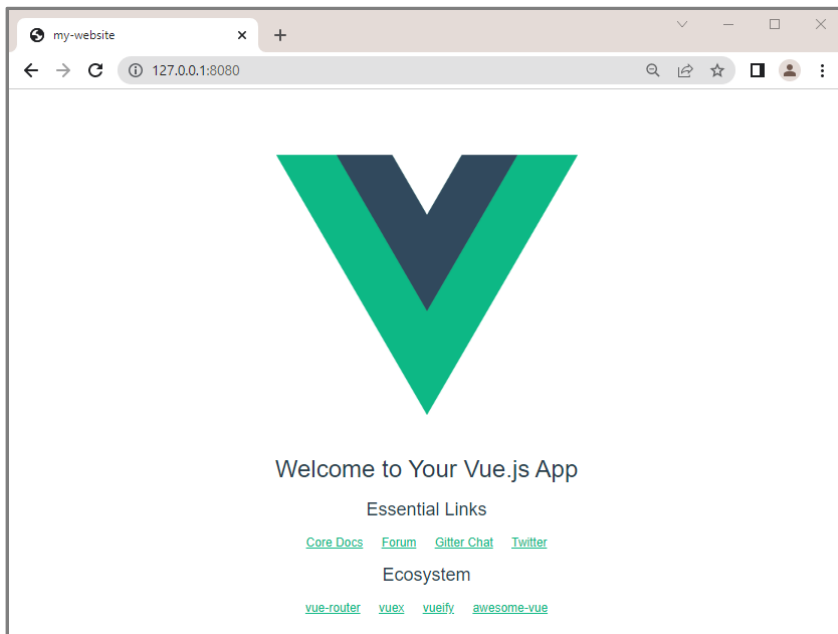
```

PS C:\Users\ \MyWebsite> docker run -d -p 8080:8080 /my-webapp
ab2b08161571a35ad6faa02dbf823e2524e2742d27e23b8d6c38d519397f5c1b

```

Name	Image	Status	Port(s)	Last started	Actions
 kind_goldstine ab2b08161571	/my-webapp	Running	8080:8080	3 minutes ago	  

Open your web browser and go to **127.0.0.1:8080**. You should be able to see the **running Vue.js app**:



2. WordPress App with MySQL Database: Connecting Containers in a Network

In this exercise, our task is to **set up and run a WordPress container in Docker** with a **MySQL database** by connecting them in a network.

Step 1: Create a Network

First, we have to create a network. Open a CLI and first create a new folder, which will contain the files for our app. Then, create a new network with the **docker network create {network_name}** command.

```
PS C:\Users\ \MyApp> docker network create my_network
fdc7a22f370239d21b9c25440251635052ac06f04dde24f4087fc0b40905b49f
```

Step 2: Add MySQL Container to Network

Our next step is **adding** the **MySQL** container to the network that we just created.

The **commands from the resources** are the following:

- **docker run -dit** → runs the image detached and in interactive mode;
- **--name wordpress_db** → names the container **wordpress_db**;
- **-e MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD=pass** → sets the password for the root MySQL user;
- **-e MYSQL_DATABASE=wordpressdb** → sets the name of the MySQL database that we'll use for the WordPress installation;
- **-e MYSQL_USER=wordpress** → sets the MySQL user that we'll use for the WordPress installation;
- **-e MYSQL_PASSWORD=wordpress** → sets the password for that user;
- **--expose 3306** → sets the port of the container;
- **--expose 33060** → sets the SSL port of the container;
- **--network my_network** → sets the network that we want to attach our container to;
- **-v \${PWD}/data:/var/lib/mysql** → maps the directory on our local machine to the directory of the container, so that we can store data outside of it;
- **mysql** → the name of the image.

```

PS C:\Users\ \MyApp> docker run -dit `
>> --name wordpress_db `
>> -e MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD=pass `
>> -e MYSQL_DATABASE=wordpressdb `
>> -e MYSQL_USER=wordpress `
>> -e MYSQL_PASSWORD=wordpress `
>> --expose 3306 `
>> --expose 33060 `
>> --network my_network `
>> -v ${PWD}/data:/var/lib/mysql `
>> mysql
fd0e62a8b1ee19c06a0125ec831388eb24e95c36bc02ee2c137252fe496b8c7e

```

Step 3: Inspect Network

Now let's inspect our network in order to check if our **wordpress_db** container is attached to it:

```

PS C:\Users\ \MyApp> docker network inspect my_network
[
  {
    "Name": "my_network",
    "Id": "36150dcdf9edafba2fe662bdf5e50d378a99829be02d3d1b9e9db6f16e3b392c2",
    "Created": "2023-05-14T16:34:32.368057008Z",
    "Scope": "local",
    "Driver": "bridge",
    "EnableIPv6": false,
    "IPAM": {
      "Driver": "default",
      "Options": {},
      "Config": [
        {
          "Subnet": "172.21.0.0/16",
          "Gateway": "172.21.0.1"
        }
      ]
    },
    "Internal": false,
    "Attachable": false,
    "Ingress": false,
    "ConfigFrom": {
      "Network": ""
    },
    "ConfigOnly": false,
    "Containers": {},
    "Options": {},
    "Labels": {}
  }
]

```

```

"Containers": {
  "fd0e62a8b1ee19c06a0125ec831388eb24e95c36bc02ee2c137252fe496b8c7e": {
    "Name": "wordpress_db",
    "EndpointID": "8d6deb5cd7482517e7c2cb9ddbd12ffd27d90dec7566fbc0671443acd9bdc0cf",
    "MacAddress": "02:42:ac:15:00:02",
    "IPv4Address": "172.21.0.2/16",
    "IPv6Address": ""
  }
},

```

Step 4: Add WordPress Container to Network

Our next step is adding the WordPress to our network. You can do it with the following command:

```
PS C:\Users\ \MyApp> docker run -dit `
>> --name wordpress-website `
>> -e WORDPRESS_DB_HOST=wordpress_db `
>> -e WORDPRESS_DB_USER=wordpress `
>> -e WORDPRESS_DB_PASSWORD=wordpress `
>> -e WORDPRESS_DB_NAME=wordpressdb `
>> -v ${PWD}/wp-data:/var/www/html `
>> -p 80:80 `
>> --network my_network `
>> wordpress
7ad6815ef6db7855f2e8b289ca80634a62dfd90218475d0387efa6c249ee10ac
```

- `-e WORDPRESS_DB_HOST=wordpress_db` → sets the WordPress database host, which matches the name of our MySQL container that we set up in Step 2;
- `-e WORDPRESS_DB_USER=wordpress` → sets the WordPress user that we previously set up;
- `-e WORDPRESS_DB_PASSWORD=wordpress` → sets the password for the user;
- `-e WORDPRESS_DB_NAME=wordpressdb` → sets the name of the WordPress database, that we created in Step 2.

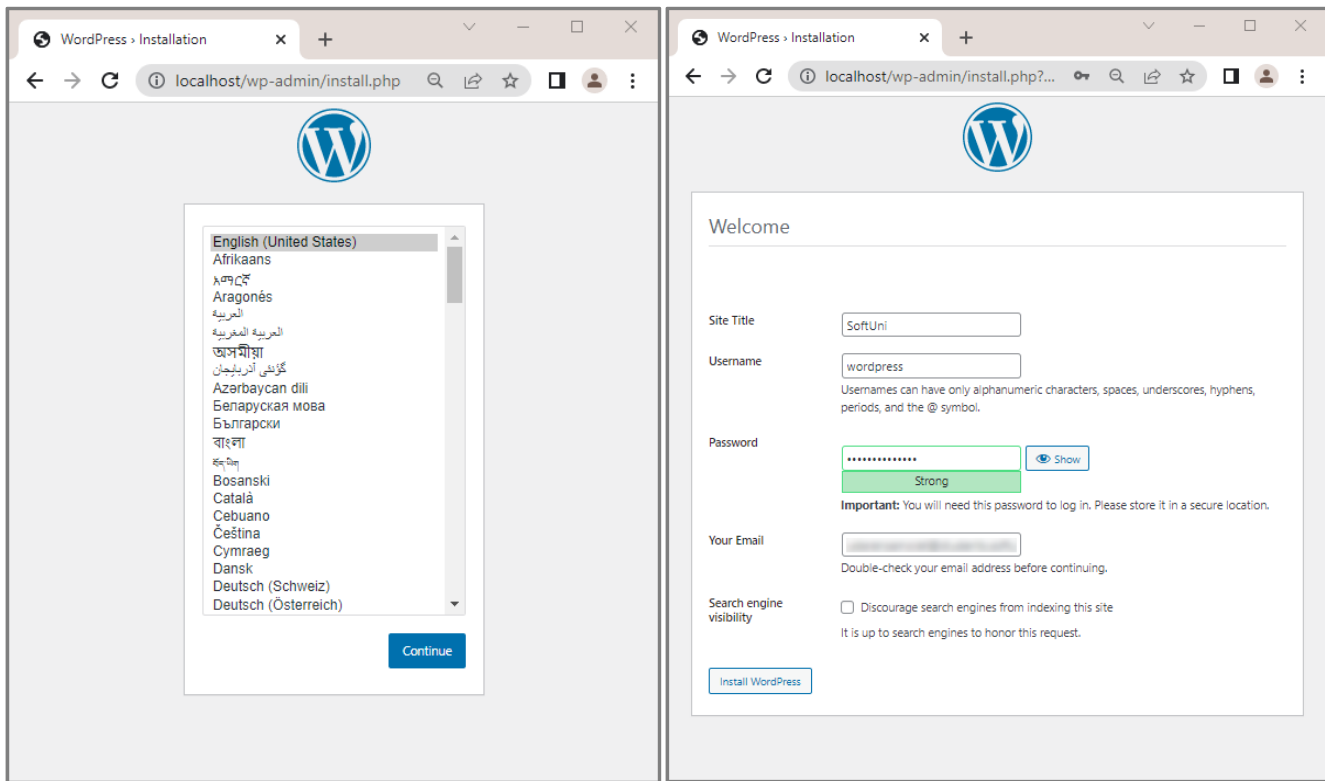
Step 5: Inspect Network

Now, if we execute the command for inspecting our network, we should see that the two containers are attached to it:

```
"Containers": {
  "7ad6815ef6db7855f2e8b289ca80634a62dfd90218475d0387efa6c249ee10ac": {
    "Name": "wordpress-website",
    "EndpointID": "dd55318b48397db449a0ec3f1fbe198b3483b80c8d2df44574d3155c99d85bb2",
    "MacAddress": "02:42:ac:15:00:03",
    "IPv4Address": "172.21.0.3/16",
    "IPv6Address": ""
  },
  "fd0e62a8b1ee19c06a0125ec831388eb24e95c36bc02ee2c137252fe496b8c7e": {
    "Name": "wordpress_db",
    "EndpointID": "8d6deb5cd7482517e7c2cb9d8dbd12ffd27d90dec7566fbc0671443acd9bdc0cf",
    "MacAddress": "02:42:ac:15:00:02",
    "IPv4Address": "172.21.0.2/16",
    "IPv6Address": ""
  }
},
```

Step 6: Run the App

You can access the WordPress site on <http://localhost:80> and you will see the WordPress setup page:



When you check **Docker Desktop**, you should be able to see the **two containers** combined in a **single network**:

	NAME	IMAGE ↑	STATUS	PORT(S)	STARTED	ACTIONS
▼	my_wordpress_site	-	Running (2/2)			■ ⋮ 🗑
	wordpress_db 3f222c5d49bd 🗑	mysql:latest	Running		2 minutes ago	■ ⋮ 🗑
	wordpress_site 3de7a54dd714 🗑	wordpress:latest	Running	80:80 🗑	2 minutes ago	■ ⋮ 🗑

3. WordPress App with MySQL Database: Docker Compose YAML file

Our next task is, using **Docker Composer**, to create a **docker-compose.yaml** file with instructions for creating the **MySQL** and **WordPress** containers from the previous task, **together** in a single network, called **my_network**.

Step 1: Create a Network

Using the **docker network create**, create a new network, called **my_network**.

Step 2: Create the docker-compose.yaml file

First, we have to create a **docker-compose.yml** file in the folder of our app. The docker file should look like this:


```

docker-compose.yml
version: "1.0"

services:
  wordpress_db:
    image: mysql:latest
    command: '--default-authentication-plugin=mysql_native_password'
    volumes:
      - db_data:/var/lib/mysql
    restart: always
    environment:
      - MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD=somewordpress
      - MYSQL_DATABASE=wordpress
      - MYSQL_USER=wordpress
      - MYSQL_PASSWORD=wordpress
    expose:
      - 3306
      - 33060
    networks:
      - my_network
  wordpress_site:
    image: wordpress:latest
    volumes:
      - wp_data:/var/www/html
    ports:
      - 80:80
    restart: always
    environment:
      - WORDPRESS_DB_HOST=somewordpress_db
      - WORDPRESS_DB_USER=somewordpress
      - WORDPRESS_DB_PASSWORD=somewordpress
      - WORDPRESS_DB_NAME=somewordpress
    networks:
      - my_network
volumes:
  db_data:
  wp_data:
networks:
  my_network:

```

Step 3: Build and Run the Multi-Container App

Next step is building and running our multi-container app. First, build all of the images with the **docker-compose build** command:

```
PS C:\Users\ \mywebsitewithdb> docker-compose build
```

Then, run the containers with the **docker-compose up** or **docker-compose up -d** command.

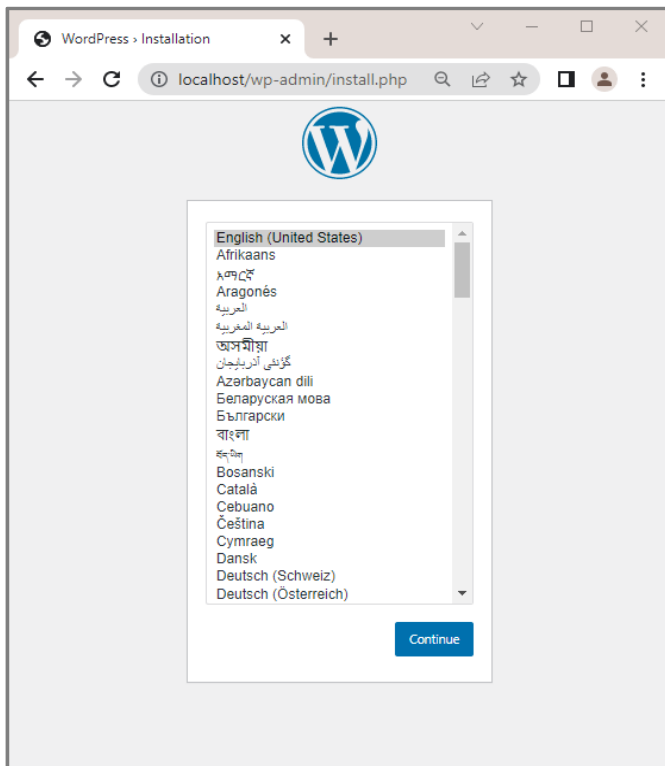
```

PS C:\Users\ \mywebsitewithdb> docker-compose up -d
[+] Running 3/3
  Network mywebsitewithdb_my_network      Created
  Container mywebsitewithdb-wordpress_site-1 Started
  Container mywebsitewithdb-wordpress_db-1 Started

```

Step 4: Run the App

You can access the WordPress site on **http://localhost:80** and you will see the WordPress setup page.



You should be able to **configure and create your website**, following the guide:

