

Practical 9 : Docker

Docker is a container management system. One use a Docker Image to build a software/application with the same setup as the original developer, similar to Vagrant's Vagrantfile. Docker image unlike Vagrantfile contains all setups in different layers, e.g.;

1. Base layer: e.g. Ubuntu
2. Layer 2: e.g. Software files
3. Layer 3: e.g. Dependencies
4. Layer 4: e.g. Configurations

Subsequent to building a Docker image, a container is built. A container is a running instance of a Docker image. A container contains everything that is needed to run the project files.

Q: What is the difference between Docker and Virtual Machines? Answer at the end of this practical exploration of Docker.

Preliminaries.

Firstly, download Docker Desktop from <https://www.docker.com/products/docker-desktop> as shown in Figure 1. Follow through default installation instructions to ensure complete Docker installation.

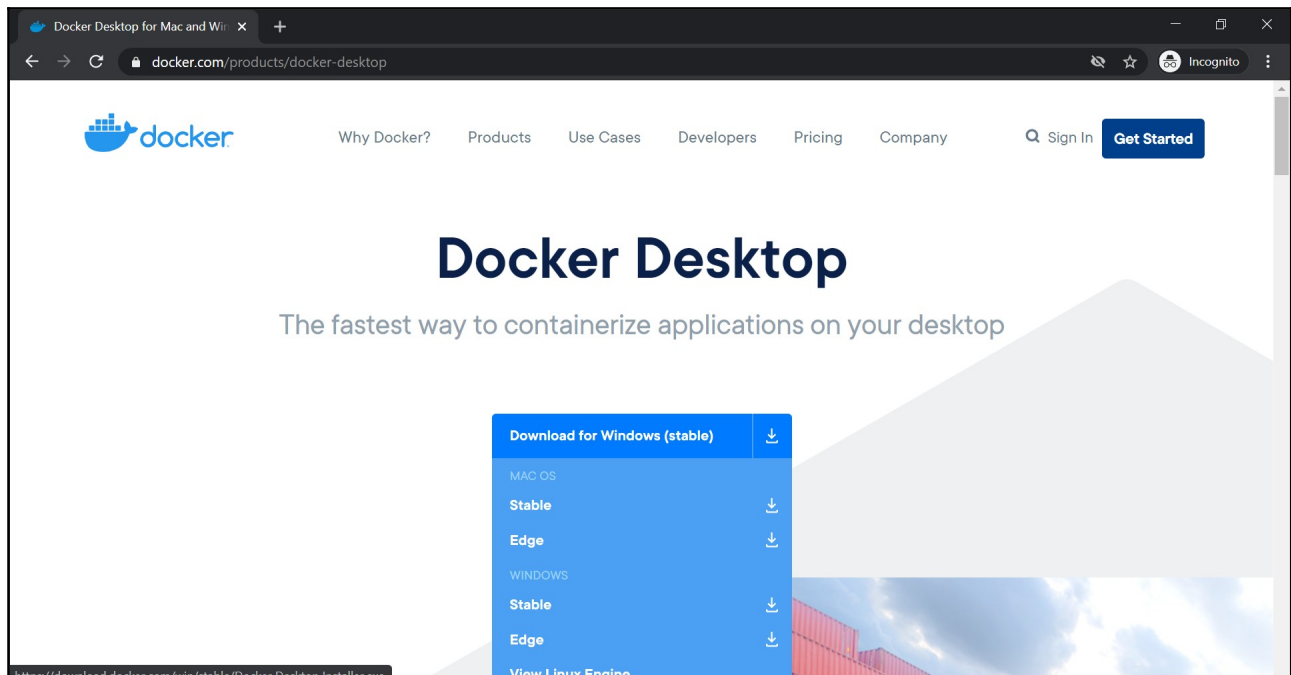


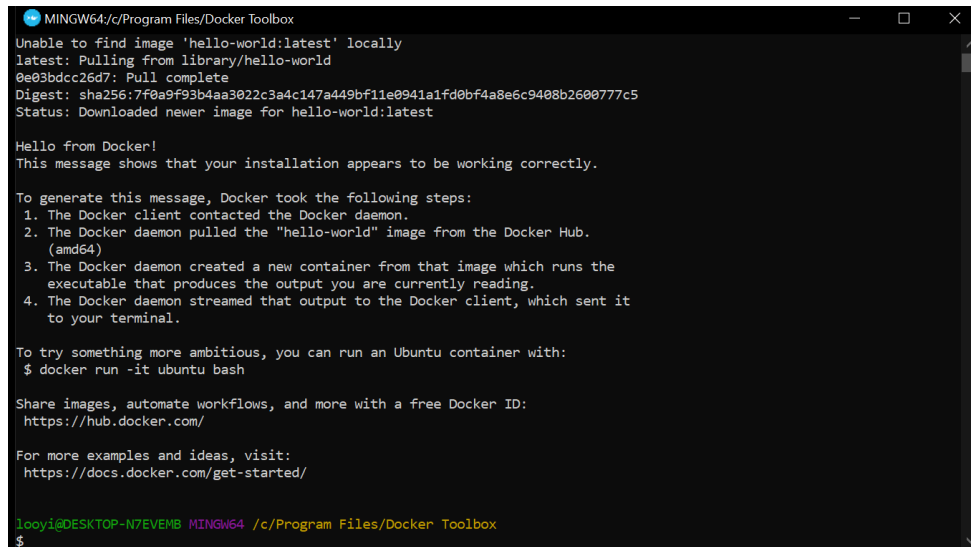
Figure 1: Download and install Docker Desktop.

If installation shows an error of “Installation failed: one prerequisite is not fulfilled” Docker Desktop requires Windows 10 Pro/Enterprise (15063+) or Windows 10 Home (19018+).” install the Docker Toolbox from https://docs.docker.com/toolbox/toolbox_install_windows/ instead as shown in Figure 2.

Verify the installation by running Docker Quickstart Terminal. Choose “Yes” for User Account Control prompt to allow VirtualBox to make changes to your computer. The installation is completed when the bash mode of Docker CLI is displayed as shown in Figure 3.



Try to execute `docker run hello-world` command and press “Enter”. If the installation is successful, Docker Bash CLI will show as Figure 4.



```
MINGW64/c/Program Files/Docker Toolbox
Unable to find image 'hello-world:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from library/hello-world
0e03bdcc26d7: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:7f0a9f93b4aa3022c3a4c147a449bf11e0941a1fd0bf4a8e6c9408b2600777c5
Status: Downloaded newer image for hello-world:latest

Hello from Docker!
This message shows that your installation appears to be working correctly.

To generate this message, Docker took the following steps:
1. The Docker client contacted the Docker daemon.
2. The Docker daemon pulled the "hello-world" image from the Docker Hub.
   (amd64)
3. The Docker daemon created a new container from that image which runs the
   executable that produces the output you are currently reading.
4. The Docker daemon streamed that output to the Docker client, which sent it
   to your terminal.

To try something more ambitious, you can run an Ubuntu container with:
$ docker run -it ubuntu bash

Share images, automate workflows, and more with a free Docker ID:
https://hub.docker.com/

For more examples and ideas, visit:
https://docs.docker.com/get-started/

looyi@DESKTOP-N7EVE6B MINGW64 /c/Program Files/Docker Toolbox
$
```

Figure 4: Successful Docker installation message.

Go to Docker Hub at <https://hub.docker.com/> for all the official generic Docker images for different build ups. This is similar to generic vagrant boxes that one could find in Vagrant Cloud.

Do signup for a Docker account as we're going to push our application/software to Docker Hub for deployment as shown in Figure 5.

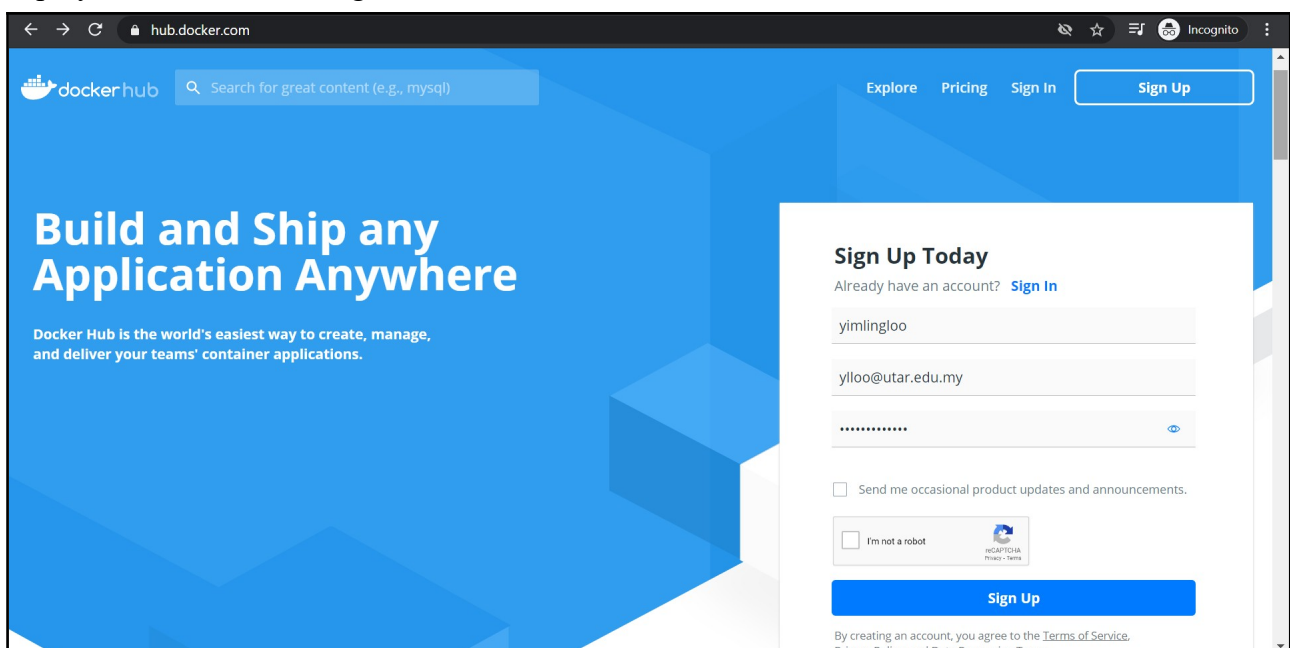


Figure 5: Signup for a Docker Hub account.

Similar to Github, one may create Docker Repository to maintain the project deployment by storing Docker image in the repositories.

Getting Started.

Let's build a React App image and run the image in a Docker container. Clone the example React App from <https://github.com/rodgtr1/youtube-stats> and open the folder using VS Code as shown in Figure 6. **Note: Install Docker extension in VS Code for Dockerfile editing.**

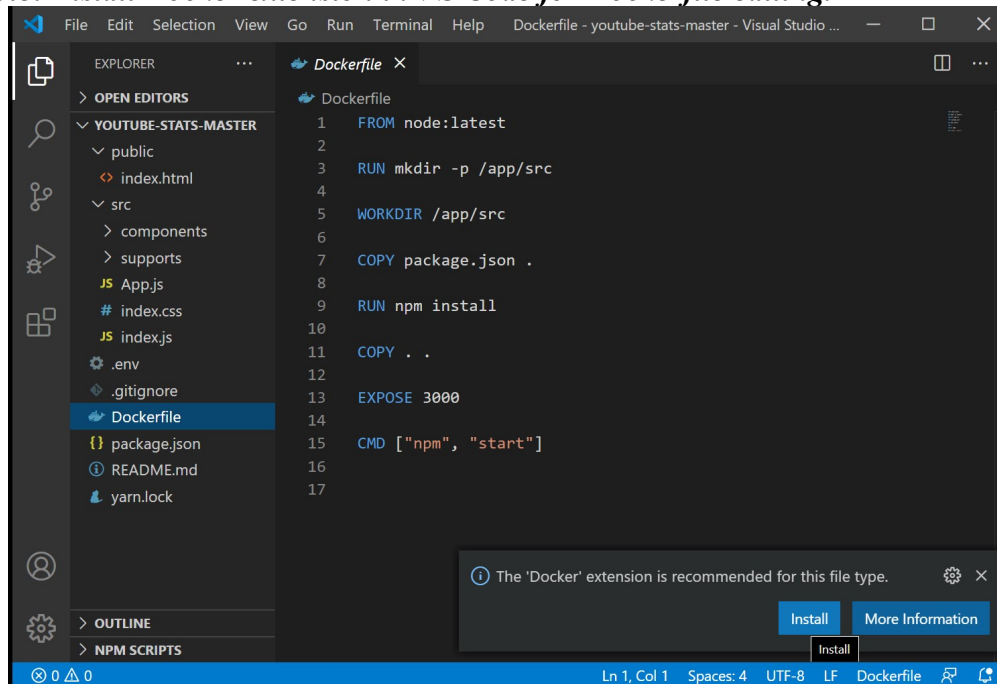


Figure 6: Open cloned React App folder.

Dockerfile.

Dockerfile contains all the configurations needed to launch the example React App. The codes lists a set of instructions for Docker to launch the project files.

```
// The following line in Dockerfile initiate that the project files are to be launched on the latest
node.js environment.
FROM node:latest
// The following line in Dockerfile initiate that the project files that are in "src" are to be placed
inside the current folder in the new directory called "app".
RUN mkdir -p /app/src
// The following line in Dockerfile initiate that the working directory is the directory where the
project files are
WORKDIR /app/src
// The following line in Dockerfile initiate the packages of json (dependencies) to the current
working directory
COPY package.json .
// The following line in Dockerfile initiate installation of the packages installation
RUN npm install
// The following line in Dockerfile initiate copies all the sources into the working directory.
COPY . .
// The following line in Dockerfile initiate that the project files are to be launched on port 3000.
EXPOSE 3000
// The following line in Dockerfile initiate the launch of npm and start of CLI.
CMD ["npm", "start"]
```

Figure 7: Explanations on React App Dockerfile.

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As the example React application uses fetches data from Youtube using API for the stats data, the instructions of getting API key need to be followed, which is provided in the Github repository's Readme.md "Instructions to Build and Run Docker Image." section. Series of how the trainer get the API key are shared in the Figures below (all followed the Instructions from Github repository).

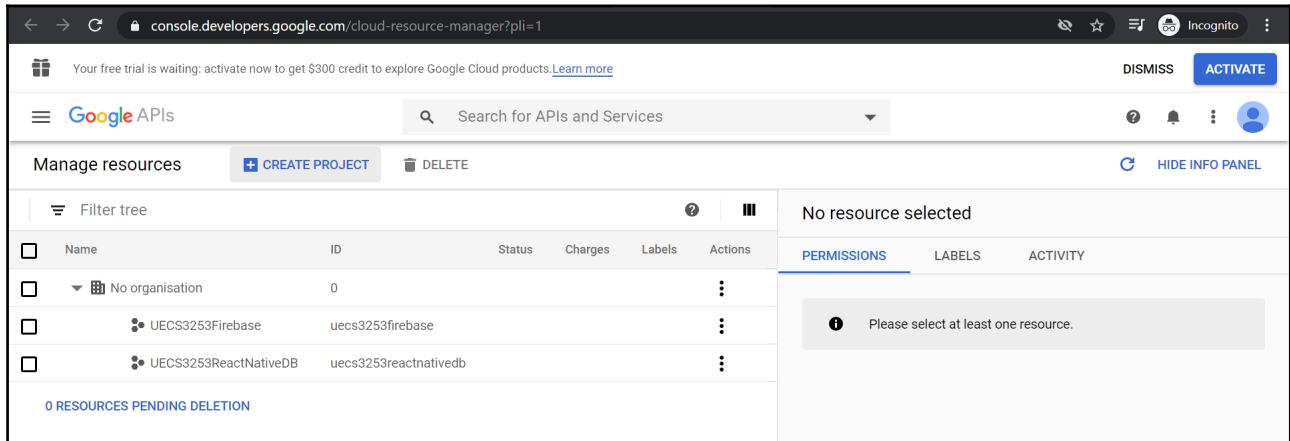


Figure 8: Click "CREATE PROJECT".

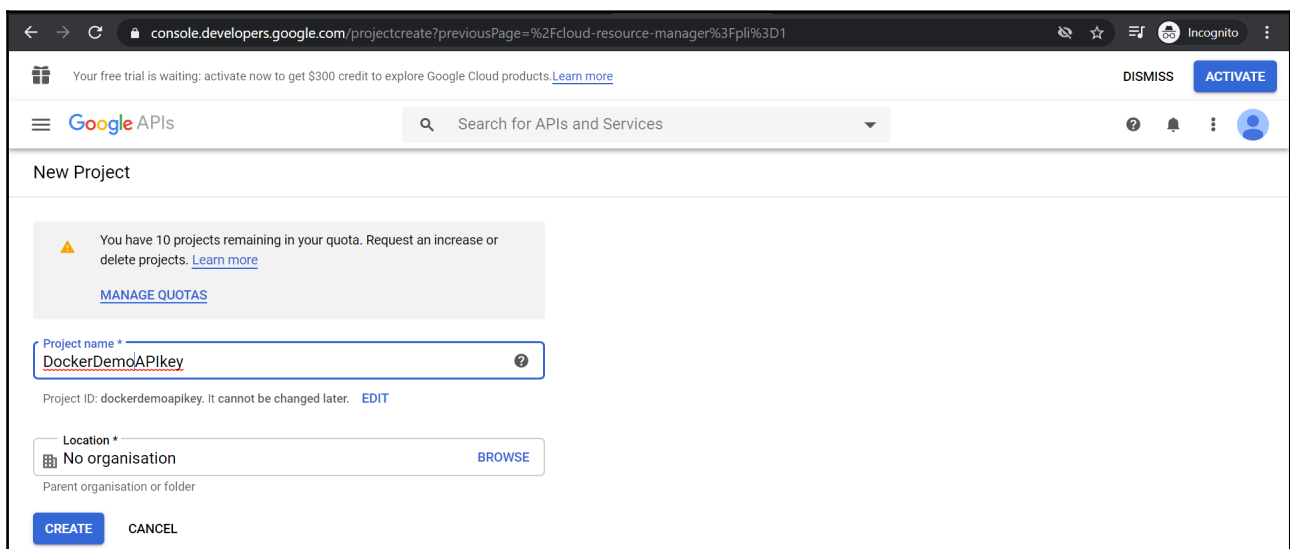


Figure 9: Insert a project name.

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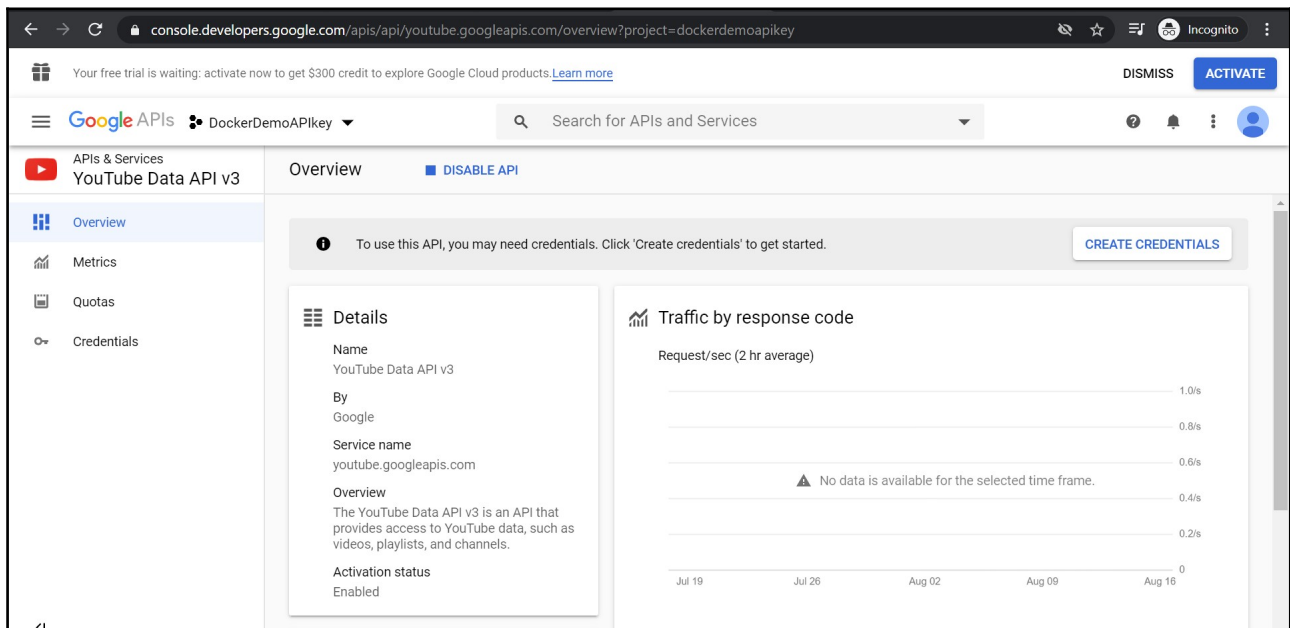


Figure 10: Enable YouTube Data API in Library of Google APIs.

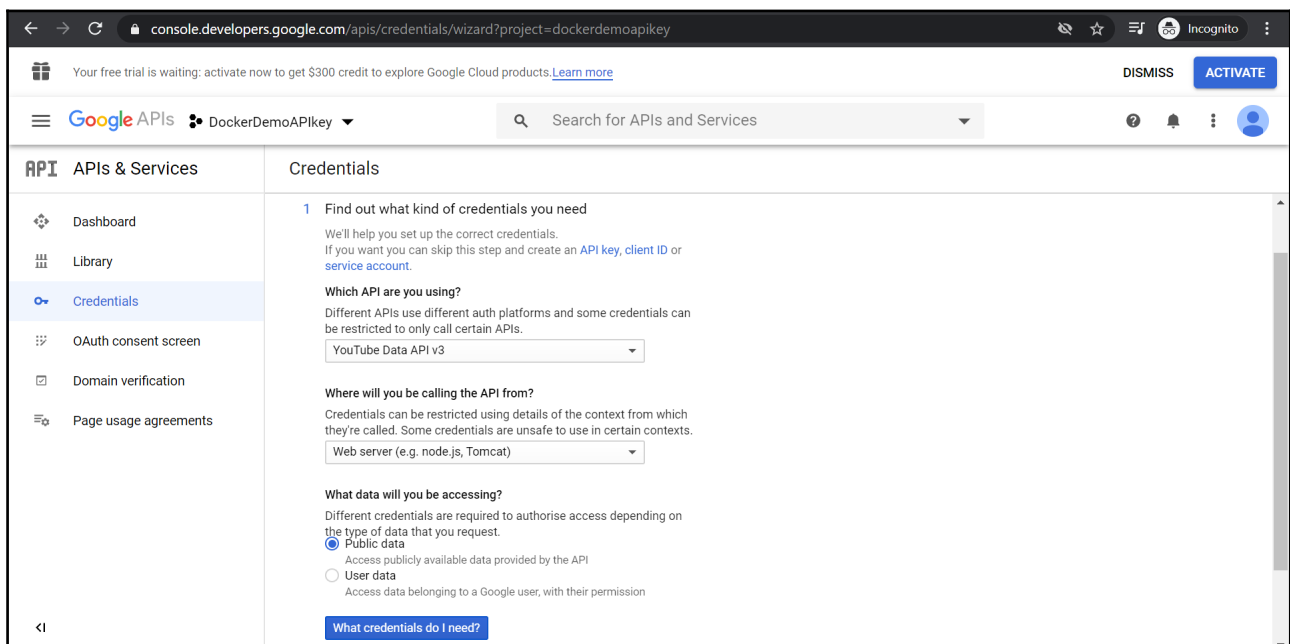


Figure 11: Setup the credentials for the API.

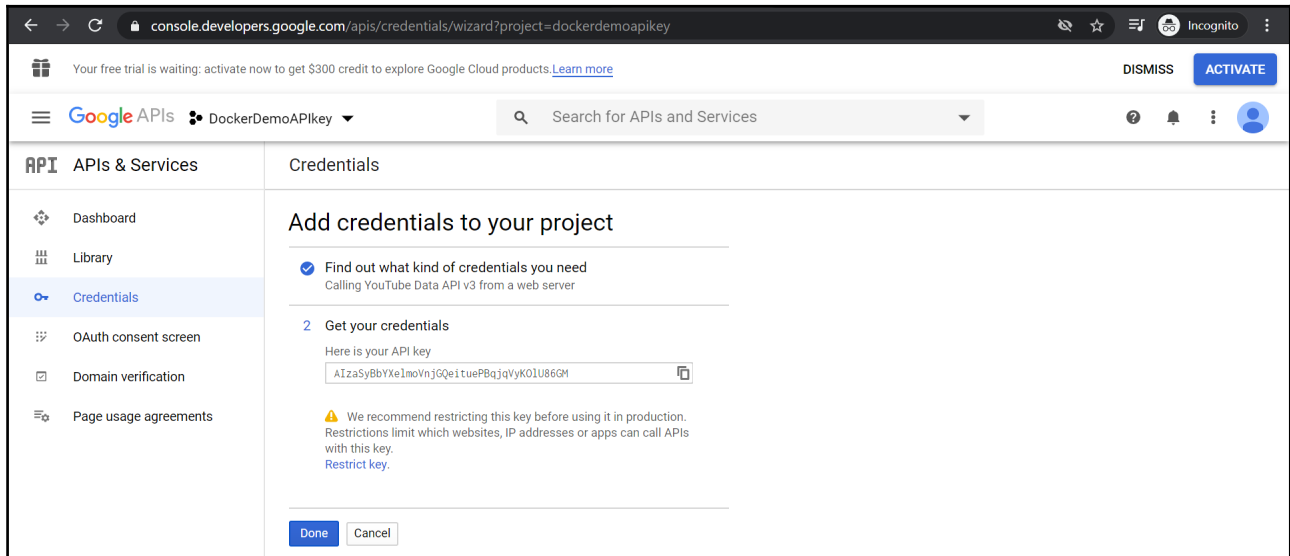


Figure 12: Retrieve API key to be filled in the .env file.

Docker Image.

Docker images are built in Docker bash CLI. Execute `docker images` command to see the images in your workstation and execute `docker ps` command to show which container is running. Docker image can be built by executing `docker build` command. The command is accompanied with the directory that the Dockerfile is in and best to be named using a tag `-t` command. For this example, build the Docker image through Docker bash CLI by executing `docker build . -t youtubereactapp:latest` command in the directory of the project folder as shown in Figure 13.

```

MINGW64/c/Users/looyi/DockerDemo/ReactApp/youtube-stats-master
looyi@DESKTOP-N7EVE MB MINGW64 /c/Program Files/Docker Toolbox
$ cd C:/Users/looyi/DockerDemo/ReactApp/youtube-stats-master

looyi@DESKTOP-N7EVE MB MINGW64 ~/DockerDemo/ReactApp/youtube-stats-master
$ docker build . -t youtubereactapp:latest
Sending build context to Docker daemon 482.8kB
Step 1/8 : FROM node:latest
latest: Pulling from library/node
419e7ae5bb1e: Pull complete
848839e0cd3b: Pull complete
de30e8b35015: Pull complete
258fdea6ea48: Pull complete
ddb75eb7f1e9: Pull complete
7ec8a0667334: Pull complete
c6d8dab5779d: Pull complete
d3ae9be01b42: Pull complete
38ff96b6f833: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:8b6401f8d15c900736a54a870994277b3de19ebd28cc483c497bf00d608e2a90
Status: Downloaded newer image for node:latest
--> 784e696f5060
Step 2/8 : RUN mkdir -p /app/src
--> Running in 47a669edd96e
Removing intermediate container 47a669edd96e
--> 0b6b665a0380
Step 3/8 : WORKDIR /app/src
--> Running in 7eaff6009ed7
Removing intermediate container 7eaff6009ed7
--> aa6fe315f4f6
Step 4/8 : COPY package.json .
--> e3cf3b3832ac

```

Figure 13: Build Docker Image.

The steps detail out the layers that this Docker image have. In order to run the image, `docker run` command have to be executed. Take note that this can actually be executed in VS Code as well as illustrated in Figure 14.

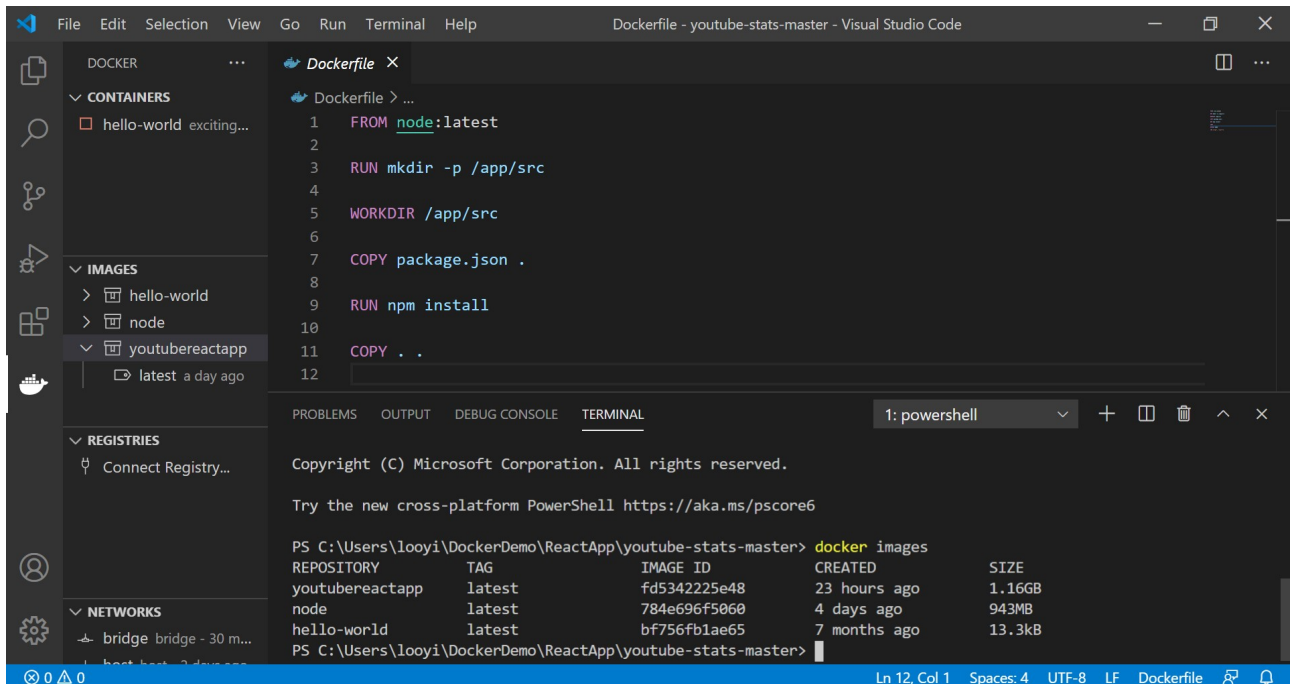


Figure 14: Build or Run Docker Image in VS Code.

In VS Code, subsequent to installing the Docker extension, there will be a Docker logo on the left pane where developer may choose to view current containers and images that are available. Adding the terminal in VS Code will enable the execution of commands without the need to execute everything in Docker bash CLI.

Docker Container.

One may run the Docker Image in a container by executing `docker run` command. Similar to `docker build` command, the `docker run` command need to be accompanied with options such as removing intermediate containers after a successful build with `--rm` and adding interactive process with `-it` to show details of the run. Adding port flag is to map the indicated tcp port to the container and adding the image name is essential in order to run the intended Docker image. For this example, `docker run --rm -it -p 3000:3000/tcp youtubereactapp:latest` command in Docker bash CLI as well as right-clicking the image file on VS Code and select “Run” / “Run Interactively”. After doing so, you will be able to view the application on a browser following URL given in the CLI as shown in Figure 15.

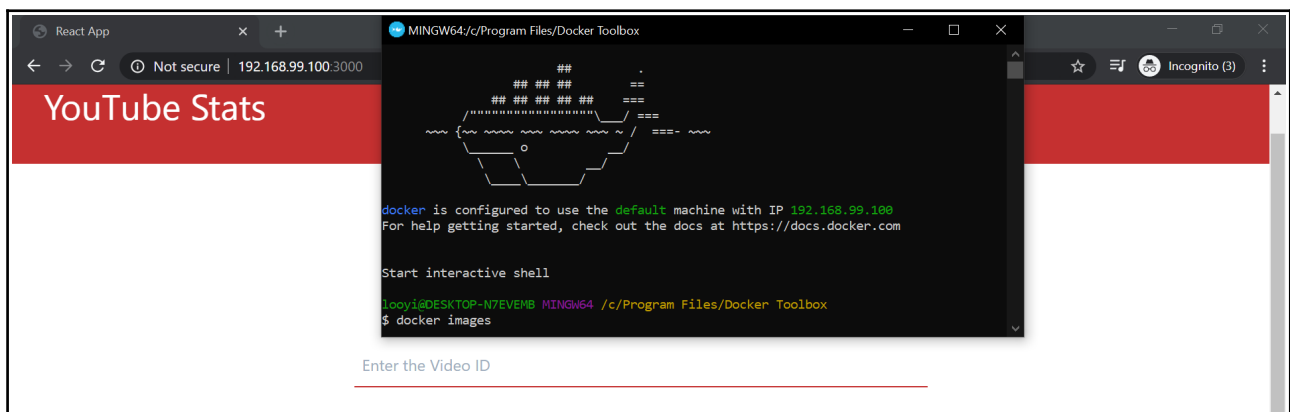


Figure 15: Example React App's Docker Image running in a Docker Container.

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Take note that if there are any error of connecting to localhost or by entering localhost:3000 returns a refused connection error, that means Docker is running on a different IP from localhost. Check the IP in Docker bash CLI and replace localhost with the default IP that Docker is running on. Once the exemplar react app is up running, you may check the YouTube Statistics about a video that you would like to check on as illustrated in Figure 16.

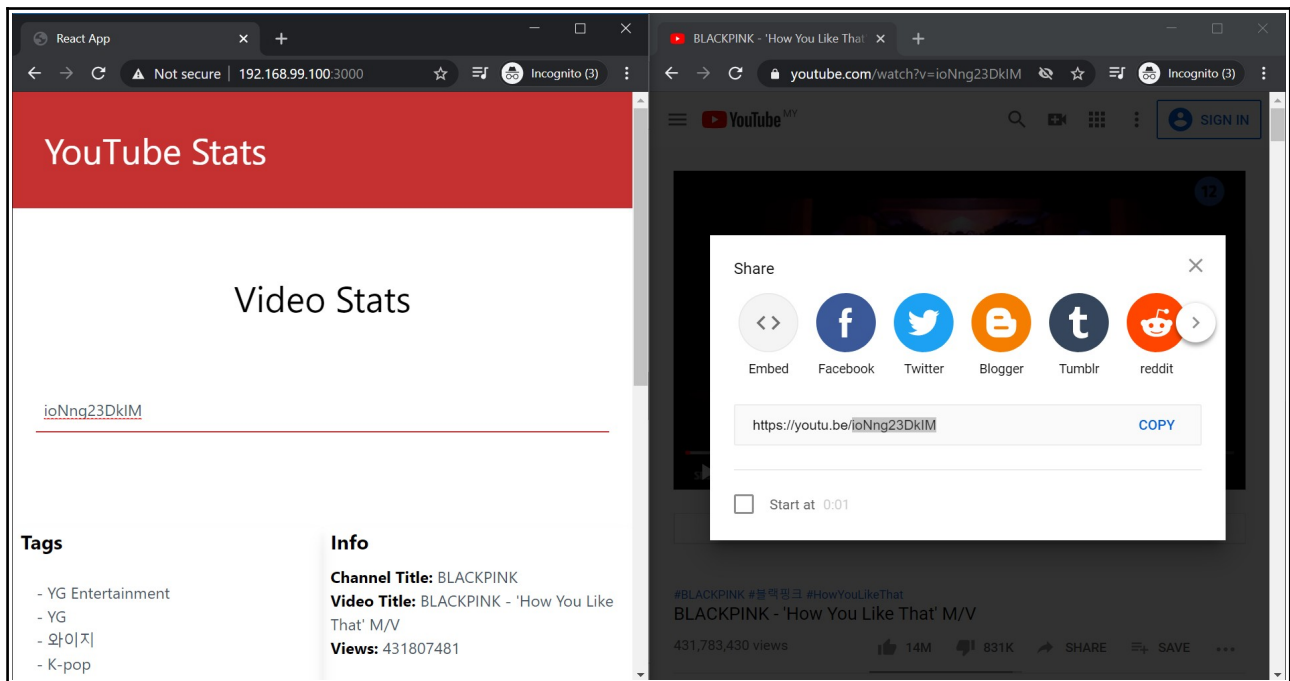
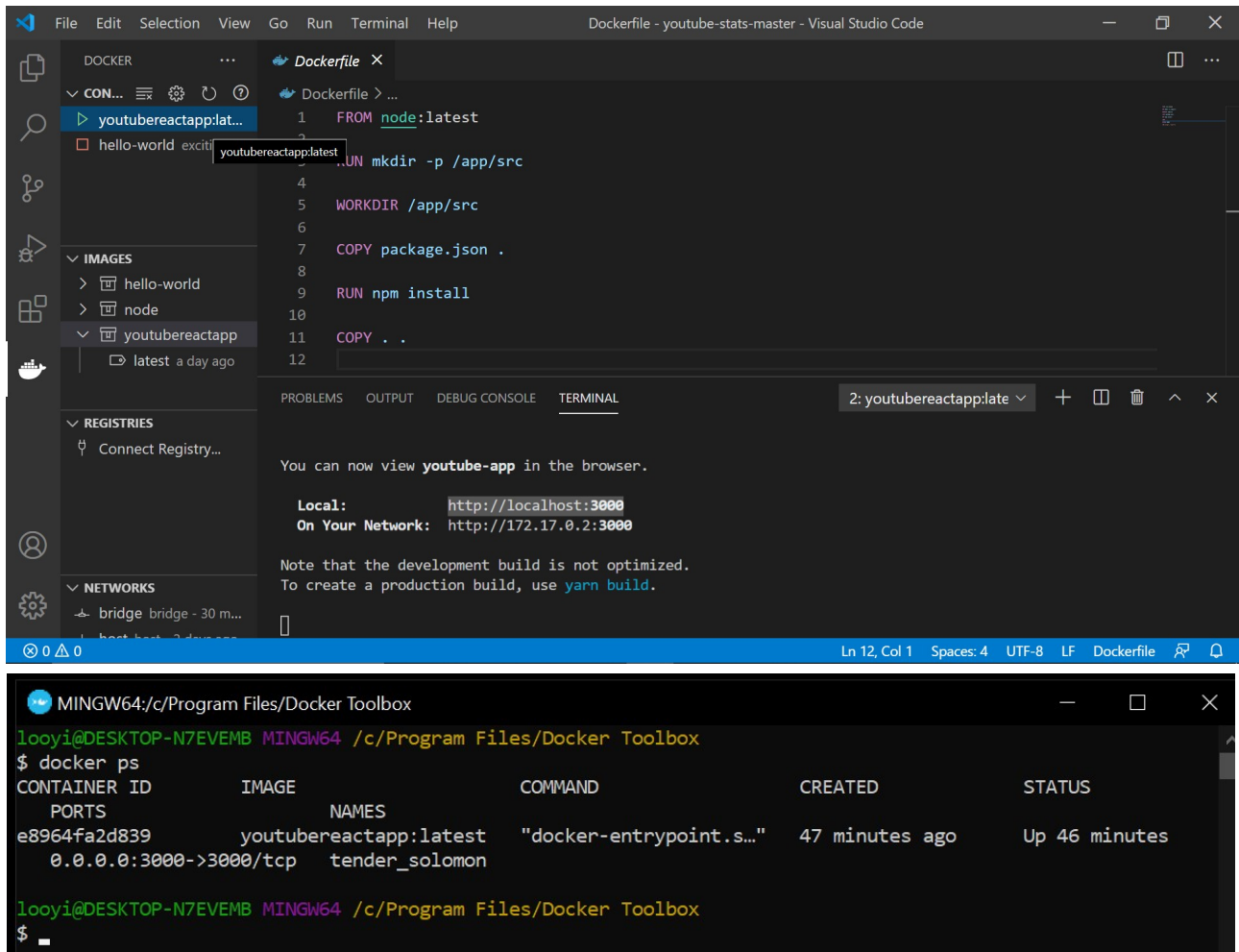


Figure 16: React App running in a Docker Container without react native/expo CLI.

In VS Code, the container panel will have the container indicated as “running” mode. Similarly, in Docker bash CLI, executing the docker ps will return the information of currently running container as shown in Figure 17.

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The image shows a Visual Studio Code window with a Dockerfile open. The Dockerfile contains the following instructions:

```
1 FROM node:latest
2
3 RUN mkdir -p /app/src
4
5 WORKDIR /app/src
6
7 COPY package.json .
8
9 RUN npm install
10
11 COPY . .
12
```

The left sidebar shows the Docker extension view with the following sections:

- DOCKER: Shows the Dockerfile and a list of containers. The container 'youtubereactapp:latest' is highlighted.
- IMAGES: Shows a list of images: 'hello-world', 'node', and 'youtubereactapp'. The 'youtubereactapp' image is highlighted.
- REGISTRIES: Shows a list of registries: 'Connect Registry...'.
- NETWORKS: Shows a list of networks: 'bridge - 30 m...', 'host - 30 m...', and 'bridge - 30 m...'.

The bottom panel shows the terminal output of the Docker build process:

```
You can now view youtube-app in the browser.

Local: http://localhost:3000
On Your Network: http://172.17.0.2:3000

Note that the development build is not optimized.
To create a production build, use yarn build.
```

The bottom panel also shows the output of the 'docker ps' command:

```
100yi@DESKTOP-N7EVEEMB MINGW64 /c/Program Files/Docker Toolbox
$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID        IMAGE               COMMAND                  CREATED            STATUS
e8964fa2d839       youtubereactapp:latest "docker-entrypoint.s..." 47 minutes ago    Up 46 minutes
0.0.0.0:3000->3000/tcp tender_solomon
```

Figure 17: Docker Container indicated as “running” in VS Code and CLI.

Dockerhub.

One may choose to push the Docker image up to a repository; similar as the concept of Git. Git repository may be stored in Github, Docker images may be stored in Dockerhub. Subsequent to signing up a Dockerhub account, one will be given a free repository. Create a new repository in Dockerhub by clicking on the “Create Repository” button. Create a repository as shown in Figure 18.

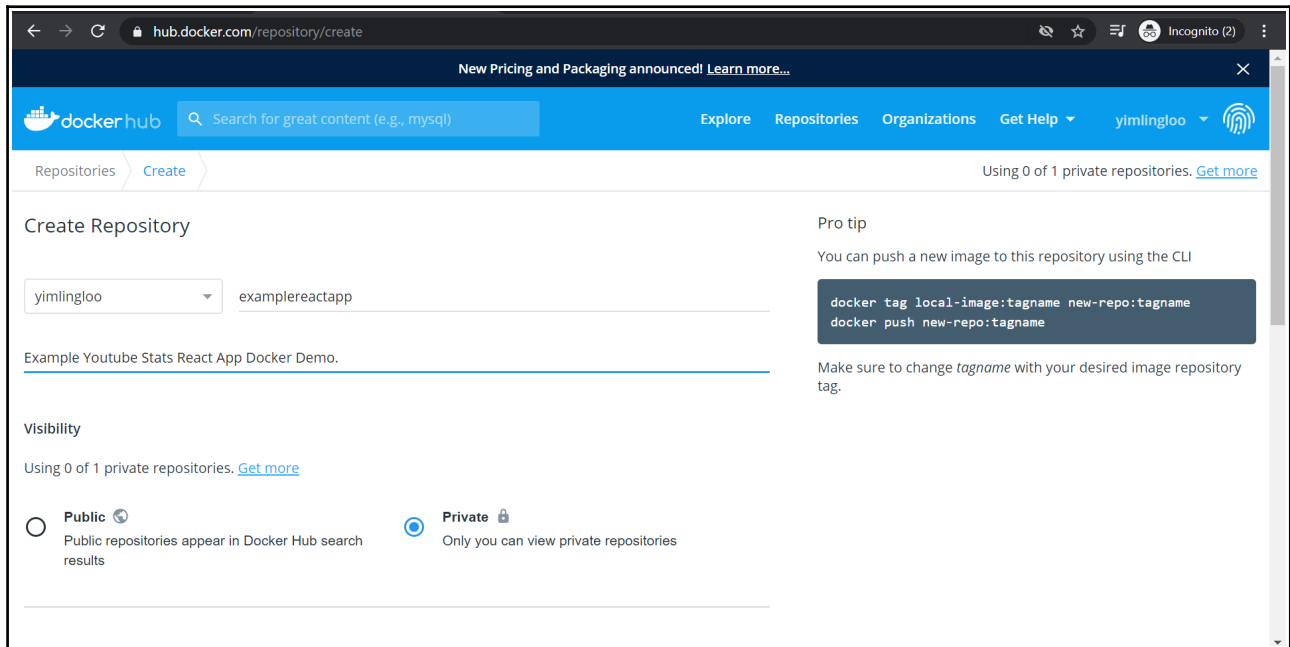


Figure 18: Create a New Docker repository.

Click on “Create” button to create the new repository. A new repository is created with the return of empty repository page as shown in Figure 19.

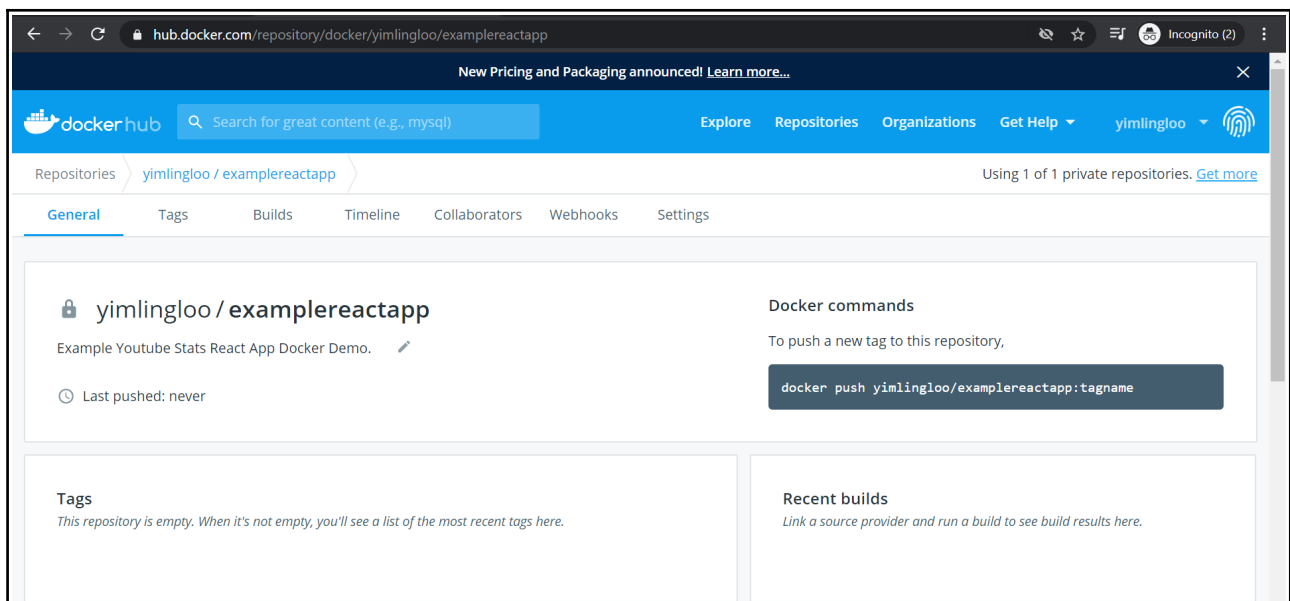
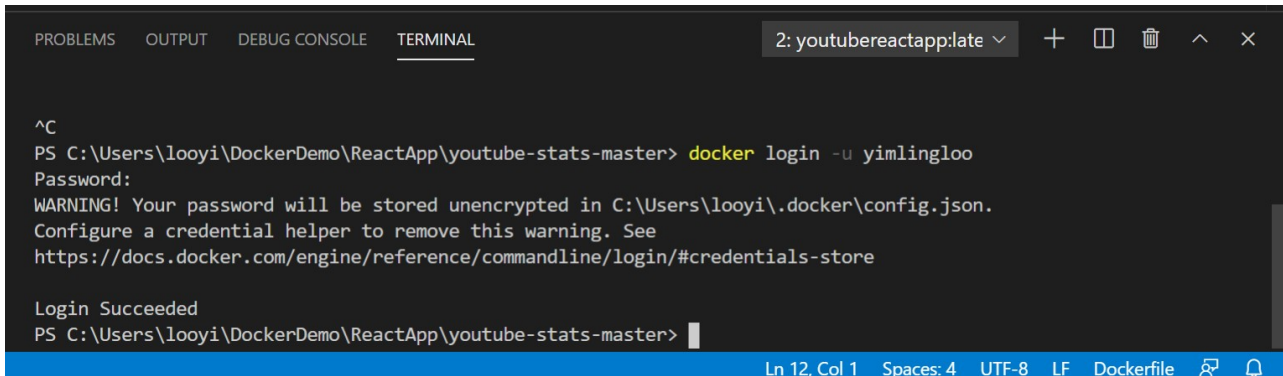


Figure 19: New Docker repository.

Note that similar to Github, Dockerhub also provide a `docker push` command on how to push a Docker Image to Dockerhub. In order to push the Dockerfile to Dockerhub, the local workstation need to be logged in to Dockerhub. In order to login to Dockerhub, one may do this in VS Code

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terminal by executing `docker login` command accompanied by the detail of username `-u` as shown in Figure 20.

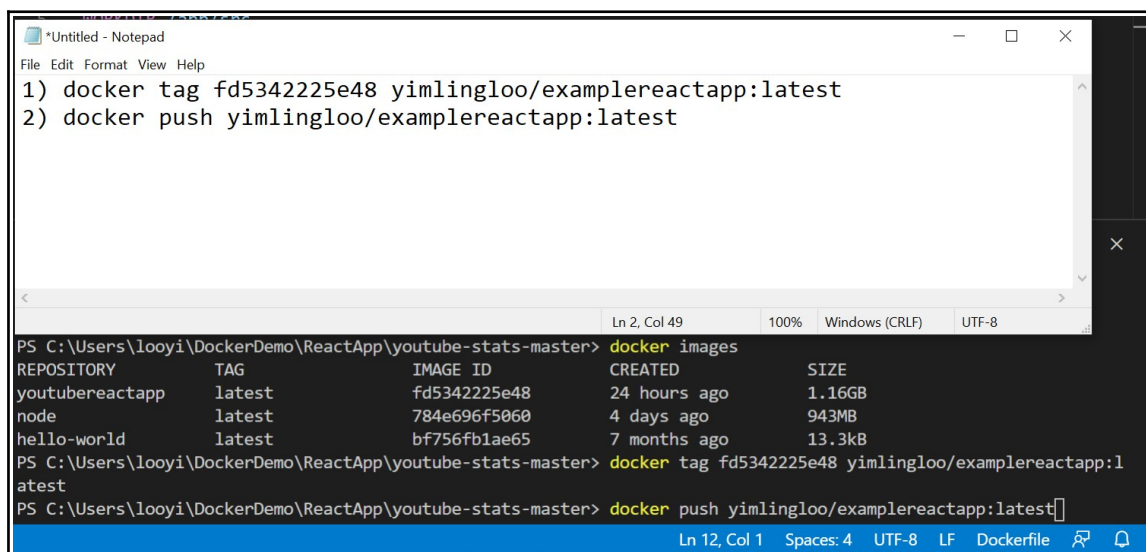


```
^C
PS C:\Users\looyi\DockerDemo\ReactApp\youtube-stats-master> docker login -u yimlingloo
Password:
WARNING! Your password will be stored unencrypted in C:\Users\looyi\.docker\config.json.
Configure a credential helper to remove this warning. See
https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/login/#credentials-store

Login Succeeded
PS C:\Users\looyi\DockerDemo\ReactApp\youtube-stats-master>
```

Figure 20: Docker hub login.

Upon successful login, execute the `docker images` command again in order to retrieve the TAG ID of the example react app. Upon retrieving the correct TAG ID, put the TAG ID inside the `docker tag` command in order to tag the correct Docker image to the push. After tagging to the intended Docker image, then only execute the `docker push` command as illustrated in Figure 21.



```
1) docker tag fd5342225e48 yimlingloo/exemplereactapp:latest
2) docker push yimlingloo/exemplereactapp:latest

PS C:\Users\looyi\DockerDemo\ReactApp\youtube-stats-master> docker images
REPOSITORY          TAG                 IMAGE ID            CREATED             SIZE
youtubereactapp     latest             fd5342225e48       24 hours ago       1.16GB
node                latest             784e696f5060       4 days ago         943MB
hello-world         latest             bf756fb1ae65       7 months ago       13.3kB
PS C:\Users\looyi\DockerDemo\ReactApp\youtube-stats-master> docker tag fd5342225e48 yimlingloo/exemplereactapp:latest
PS C:\Users\looyi\DockerDemo\ReactApp\youtube-stats-master> docker push yimlingloo/exemplereactapp:latest
```

Figure 21: Tag and push Docker image to Dockerhub.

The Docker image will be pushed to Dockerhub with all the layers indicated in the terminal, similar to when the Docker image was being built. Upon successful push, the repository will have a tag available and one may click in the tag to see that now the Dockerhub suggests a docker pull command, whoever would like to have the shared Docker image as shown in Figure 22.

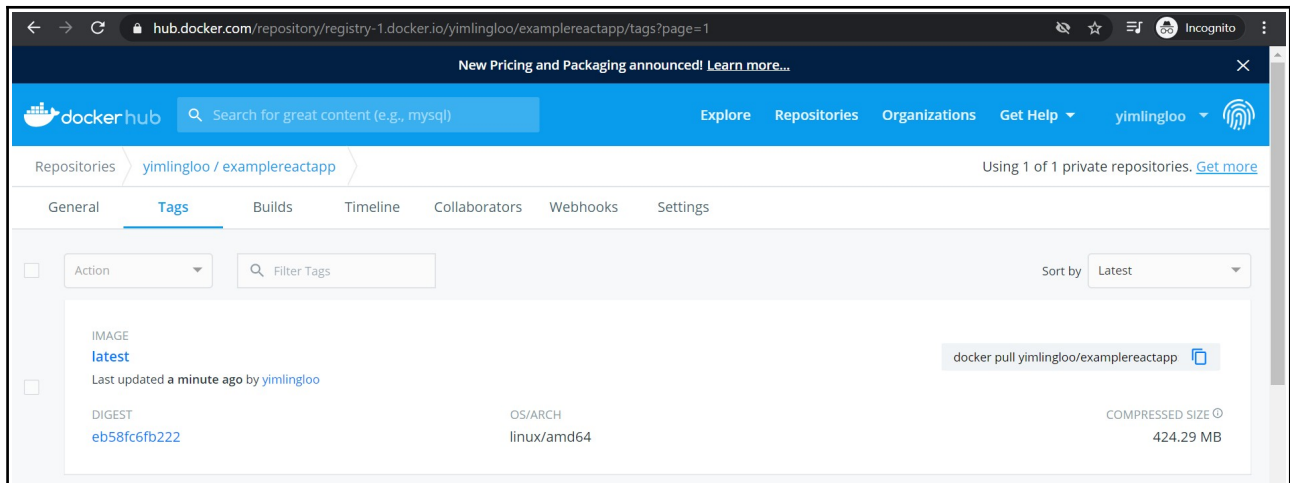


Figure 22: Docker image pushed to Dockerhub and ready for pull.

Up until this step, it shows that a collaborator does not need to preconfigure anything when project development files are passed to him/her. All that was needed was to have the project folders and Dockerfile, in order for the collaborator to run the project files and test. Back to the question asked at the beginning of this practical;

Q: What do you think is the difference between Docker and Virtual Machines?