# **Report- Challenge 3**

## **Full-Stack Application Setup Using Docker**

## Introduction

**Objective**: The purpose of this project is to demonstrate how to set up a full-stack application using Docker. Docker simplifies deployment by creating isolated environments (containers), making it easy to manage, deploy, and scale applications.

**Scope**: The project includes three main components: a Node.js application, a MariaDB database, and a Nginx web server.

## **Prerequisites**

- **Software Requirements**: Docker and Docker Compose are necessary tools for this project. You can install Docker from here and Docker Compose from here.
- **Basic Knowledge**: Some basic understanding of Docker concepts like images, containers, and Dockerfiles will be helpful.

# **Project Structure Overview**

- **Directory Layout**: The project directory consists of directories for each component (api, db, nginx) and essential files such as **docker-compose.yml**, .env, and configuration files (nginx.conf, server.js, init.sql).
- Key Files Explained:
  - **docker-compose.yml**: Manages the multi-container setup.
  - **Dockerfile**: Contains instructions for building Docker images for each component.
  - .env: Contains environment variables required for configuration.
  - **nginx.conf**: Configuration file for the Nginx server.
  - **server.js**: Script for the Node.js application.
  - **init.sql**: SQL script to initialize the database.

#### **Detailed Setup Steps**

- 1. Creating the .env File:
  - Create a .env file and define necessary environment variables like DB\_USERNAME,
     DB PASSWORD, and others as mentioned in the task sheet.

# 2. Writing Dockerfiles:

• **Node.js Application**: Set up the Dockerfile in the Node.js application directory, explaining each command (**FROM**, **COPY**, **RUN**, **CMD**).

- **Database Initialization**: Configure the Dockerfile in the database directory and explain the initialization process with **init.sql**.
- **Nginx Configuration**: Explain the Dockerfile setup for Nginx and how to configure the **nginx.conf** file.

\*Note: Make sure the path you give in dockerfile to COPY are given considering the root directory where respective Dockerfile is situated so here as example I had to change

```
COPY docker/api/package*.json ./ to
COPY package*.json ./
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## 3. Setting up docker-compose.yml:

- Create the docker-compose.yml file, defining each service and their interactions.
- Explain build context, ports, volumes, and **depends\_on**.

# 4. Building and Running the Containers:

- Build and run the containers using docker-compose up --build.
- Check the status of the containers using docker-compose ps.

# 5. Testing the Application:

• Access the application through a web browser to ensure it is working as expected.

# 6. **Debugging Common Issues**:

• Address potential common errors (like the COPY error) and provide guidance on how to solve them.

#### Conclusion

- **Summary**: This report covered the setup of a full-stack application using Docker, including the configuration of each component and their interaction.
- **Further Reading**: For deeper understanding, refer to the Docker documentation and additional resources on Docker best practices and component-specific configurations.

# **Appendices**

- Appendix A: Full docker-compose.yml listing.
- Appendix B: Full Dockerfile listings for each service.
- **Appendix C**: Example .env file.

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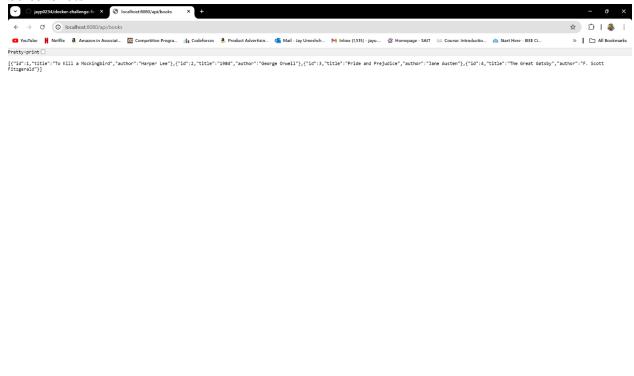
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