

Report Challenge 2

Deploying a NodeJS Application with NGINX Reverse Proxy

Introduction:

In this challenge, we'll deploy a dynamic NodeJS application using Docker and orchestrate it with NGINX as a reverse proxy using Docker Compose. By the end, you'll be able to access your NodeJS application through NGINX on port 8080.

Prerequisites:

Basic knowledge of NodeJS and Express framework.

Docker and Docker Compose installed on your machine.

Basic understanding of NGINX configuration.

Setup and Configuration:

Step 1: Project Structure

Create a folder named challenge2 and navigate into it.

Unzip the provided challenge2.zip file in this directory, ensuring your NodeJS application files are directly within the folder.

Step 2: Writing the NodeJS Application

Within your project, ensure you have a NodeJS application ready. File "server.js" includes routes for fetching books and system stats as provided in your question.

Step 3: Creating the Dockerfile for NodeJS Application

In the root of your challenge2 directory, create a Dockerfile with the following content:

-----Dockerfile-----

FROM node:14

WORKDIR /app

COPY package*.json ./

RUN npm install

COPY . .

EXPOSE 3000

CMD ["node", "server.js"]

-----Dockerfile-----

This Dockerfile sets up a Node environment, installs dependencies, and starts your application.

Step 4: Setting Up NGINX as a Reverse Proxy

Create a nginx.conf file in your project directory with the following configuration to route requests to your NodeJS application:

-----nginx-----

events {}

http {

server {

listen 80;

location / {

proxy_pass http://app:3000/;

proxy_set_header Host \$host;

proxy_set_header X-Real-IP \$remote_addr;

proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For \$proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;

proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Proto \$scheme;

}

}

}

-----nginx-----

Ensure NGINX listens on port 8080 in your Docker Compose configuration, as described in the next step.

Step 5: Docker Compose Configuration

Create a docker-compose.yml file at the root of your project with the following services defined:

-----yaml-----

```
version: '3'
```

```
services:
```

```
  app:
```

```
    build: .
```

```
    ports:
```

```
      - "3000:3000"
```

```
  nginx:
```

```
    image: nginx:alpine
```

```
    volumes:
```

```
      - ./nginx.conf:/etc/nginx/nginx.conf
```

```
    ports:
```

```
      - "8080:80"
```

```
    depends_on:
```

```
      - app
```

-----yaml-----

This configuration tells Docker Compose how to build your app and how to configure NGINX to proxy requests to it.

Step 6: Building and Running Your Containers

Open a terminal in your project directory.

Run `docker-compose up --build` to start your services.

Once the services are running, navigate to `http://localhost:8080/api/books` and `http://localhost:8080/api/books/1` in a browser to view the output.

-----**Step 7: Debugging and Troubleshooting on Problems encountered by me**-----
Extra-----

If the application doesn't work as expected, check the logs using `docker-compose logs`.

Ensure no other services are running on port 8080. You can stop them using `docker stop <container_id>` or by terminating the process occupying the port.

Conclusion:

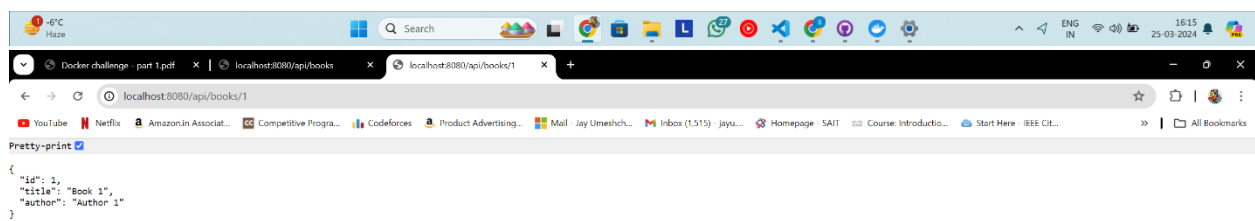
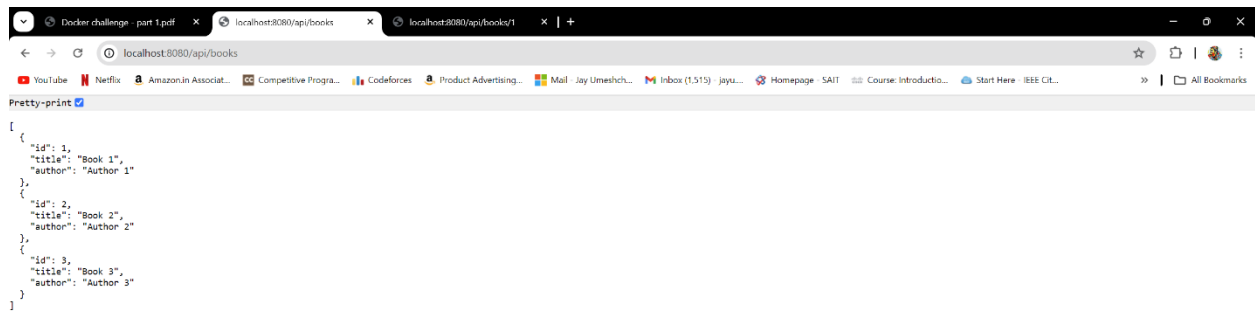
You've now set up a NodeJS application with a NGINX reverse proxy using Docker and Docker Compose. This setup is commonly used in real-world applications, providing you with a solid foundation in Docker container management and application deployment.

Reference Links:

<https://docs.docker.com/get-started/overview/>

<https://docker-curriculum.com/>

<https://expressjs.com>



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EXPLORER
CHALLENGE2
  .gitignore
  docker-compose...
  Dockerfile
  nginx.conf
  package-lock.json
  package.json
  server.js

PROBLEMS
OUTPUT
DEBUG CONSOLE
TERMINAL
PORTS

PS C:\myFiles\SAIT\Operating System\docker\docker-challenge\challenge2> docker-compose up --build
[+] Building 1.0s (11/11) FINISHED
=> [app internal] load build definition from Dockerfile
=> => transferring dockerfile: 169B
=> [app internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/node:14
=> [app internal] library/image:pull token for registry-1.docker.io
=> [app internal] load .dockerignore
=> => transferring context: 2B
=> [app 1/5] FROM docker.io/library/node:14@sha256:a158d3b7964e3fa813fad8c59008f8a860e015ad4e590bce5744d2f6f8461aa
=> [app internal] load build context
=> => transferring context: 226B
=> CACHED [app 2/5] WORKDIR /app
=> CACHED [app 3/5] COPY package.json ./
=> CACHED [app 4/5] RUN npm install
=> CACHED [app 5/5] COPY . .
=> [app] exporting to image
=> => exporting layers
=> => writing image sha256:9203274701fe22f37d891a21925ea673d5f50eeec12a54a231c83ba2035795d
=> => naming to docker.io/library/challenge2-app
[+] Running 3/3
  ✓ Network challenge2_default Created
  ✓ Container challenge2-app-1 Created
  ✓ Container challenge2-nginx-1 Created
Attaching to app-1, nginx-1
app-1 | Server running on port 3000
nginx-1 | /docker-entrypoint.sh: /docker-entrypoint.d/ is not empty, will attempt to perform configuration
nginx-1 | /docker-entrypoint.sh: Looking for shell scripts in /docker-entrypoint.d/
nginx-1 | /docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh
nginx-1 | 10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh: info: Getting the checksum of /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
nginx-1 | 10-listen-on-ipv6-by-default.sh: info: Enabled listen on IPv6 in /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
nginx-1 | /docker-entrypoint.sh: Sourcing /docker-entrypoint.d/15-local-resolvers.envsh
nginx-1 | /docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/20-envsubst-on-templates.sh
nginx-1 | /docker-entrypoint.sh: Launching /docker-entrypoint.d/30-tune-worker-processes.sh
nginx-1 | Configuration complete; ready for start up
nginx-1 | 172.18.0.1 - - [25/Mar/2024:23:12:07 +0000] "GET /api/books HTTP/1.1" 200 139 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/123.0.0.0 Safari/537.36"
app-1 | {
app-1 |   status: 'success',
app-1 |   contents: { MemFree: 4992248, MemAvailable: 6877496 },
nginx-1 | 172.18.0.1 - - [25/Mar/2024:23:12:54 +0000] "GET /api/stats HTTP/1.1" 200 108 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/123.0.0.0 Safari/537.36"
app-1 |   pid: 1,
app-1 |   hostname: '1848598cead'
app-1 | }
app-1 | {
app-1 |   status: 'success',
nginx-1 | 172.18.0.1 - - [25/Mar/2024:23:13:11 +0000] "GET /api/stats HTTP/1.1" 200 108 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/123.0.0.0 Safari/537.36"
app-1 |   contents: { MemFree: 4992348, MemAvailable: 6877612 },
app-1 |   pid: 1,
app-1 |   hostname: '1848598cead'
app-1 | }
nginx-1 | 172.18.0.1 - - [25/Mar/2024:23:13:20 +0000] "GET /api/books HTTP/1.1" 200 139 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/123.0.0.0 Safari/537.36"
nginx-1 | 172.18.0.1 - - [25/Mar/2024:23:13:32 +0000] "GET /api/books/2 HTTP/1.1" 200 45 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/123.0.0.0 Safari/537.36"

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