



# Start Docker and Nginx

This guide walks you through launching the CSC640 project using Docker Compose, which starts both PHP and Nginx containers.



## Project Setup

Make sure your project folder includes:

```
CSC640-Project/
├── compose.yaml
├── Dockerfile.php
├── Dockerfile.nginx
├── .dockerignore
├── php/
├── nginx/
└── sql/
```



## Start the Project with Docker

Make sure Docker Desktop is running, then open a terminal in your project folder and run:

```
docker compose up --build
```



## Verify Nginx Is Running

After starting Docker, check if Nginx is active by running:

```
docker ps
```

If a container has a name similar to:

```
csc640-nginx
```

And a status of:

```
Up (time up)
```

Then, you have verified NGINX is running.



## Example of Verifying Nginx Is Running



Terminal Screenshot



## Access the App

Once Docker is running, open your browser and go to:

**`http://localhost/frontend/index.html`**

This loads the frontend served by Nginx, which communicates with the PHP backend.



## Example of Accessing the App



App Screenshot



## Stopping the Project

To shut delete the CSC640 Docker containers, open your terminal in the project folder and run:

```
docker compose down -v
```