

# Docker - Multi Stage Build and Distroless Image

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ubuntu@ip-172-31-85-204:~$ ls
Docker-Zero-to-Hero
ubuntu@ip-172-31-85-204:~$ cd Docker-Zero-to-Hero
ubuntu@ip-172-31-85-204:~/Docker-Zero-to-Hero$ ls
README.md  commands.md  examples  networking.md  volumes.md
ubuntu@ip-172-31-85-204:~/Docker-Zero-to-Hero$ cd examples
ubuntu@ip-172-31-85-204:~/Docker-Zero-to-Hero/examples$ cd golang-multi-stage-docker-build
ubuntu@ip-172-31-85-204:~/Docker-Zero-to-Hero/examples/golang-multi-stage-docker-build$ ls
Dockerfile  README.md  calculator.go  dockerfile-without-multistage
ubuntu@ip-172-31-85-204:~/Docker-Zero-to-Hero/examples/golang-multi-stage-docker-build$ cd dockerfile-without-multistage
ubuntu@ip-172-31-85-204:~/Docker-Zero-to-Hero/examples/golang-multi-stage-docker-build/dockerfile-without-multistage$ ls
Dockerfile  calculator.go
ubuntu@ip-172-31-85-204:~/Docker-Zero-to-Hero/examples/golang-multi-stage-docker-build/dockerfile-without-multistage$ vim Dockerfile
ubuntu@ip-172-31-85-204:~/Docker-Zero-to-Hero/examples/golang-multi-stage-docker-build/dockerfile-without-multistage$ ls
Dockerfile  calculator.go
ubuntu@ip-172-31-85-204:~/Docker-Zero-to-Hero/examples/golang-multi-stage-docker-build/dockerfile-without-multistage$ docker build -t simplecalculator .
```

The command `docker build -t simplecalculator .`

- What It Does?

Builds a Docker image named `simplecalculator` using the Dockerfile in the current directory.

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ubuntu@ip-172-31-85-204:~/Docker-Zero-to-Hero/examples/golang-multi-stage-docker-build$ docker build -t simplecalculator .
DEPRECATED: The legacy builder is deprecated and will be removed in a future release.
Install the buildx component to build images with BuildKit:
https://docs.docker.com/go/buildx/

Sending build context to Docker daemon 4.096kB
Step 1/6 : FROM ubuntu AS build
--> a04dc4851cbc
Step 2/6 : RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y golang-go
--> Running in 64bf117c6bab
Get:1 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble InRelease [256 kB]
Get:2 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security InRelease [126 kB]
Get:3 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-updates InRelease [126 kB]
Get:4 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/multiverse amd64 Packages [34.0 kB]
Get:5 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-backports InRelease [126 kB]
Get:6 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/restricted amd64 Packages [916 kB]
Get:7 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble/main amd64 Packages [1808 kB]
Get:8 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/universe amd64 Packages [1057 kB]
Get:9 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/main amd64 Packages [844 kB]
Get:10 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble/universe amd64 Packages [19.3 MB]
Get:11 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble/multiverse amd64 Packages [331 kB]
Get:12 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble/restricted amd64 Packages [117 kB]
Get:13 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-updates/multiverse amd64 Packages [38.7 kB]
Get:14 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-updates/restricted amd64 Packages [962 kB]
Successfully built 5cb85f6879c4
Successfully tagged simplecalculator-multistagebuild:latest
ubuntu@ip-172-31-85-204:~/Docker-Zero-to-Hero/examples/golang-multi-stage-docker-build$ docker images
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REPOSITORY	TAG	IMAGE ID	CREATED	SIZE
<none>	<none>	128565bb9cf5	55 seconds ago	654MB
simplecalculator-multistagebuild	latest	5cb85f6879c4	55 seconds ago	1.96MB
simplecalculator	latest	2c3ac535ca3e	10 hours ago	654MB
lovesh/hh/django-containerization	latest	ea71f0673c37	20 hours ago	622MB
lovesh/hh/my-first-docker-image	latest	2b5f3342f24f	42 hours ago	575MB
ubuntu	latest	a04dc4851cbc	7 weeks ago	78.1MB
hello-world	latest	74cc54e27dc4	7 weeks ago	10.1kB

## Output :

- The command `docker build -t simplecalculator .`

Docker goes through each step of the Dockerfile, copying files, compiling the app, and finally exporting layers.

- This results in a **full-sized image** that includes Go compiler, dependencies, etc. (~654MB).

- And when we used command `docker build -t simplecalculator-multistagebuild .` this builds the Docker image using the optimized multi-stage Dockerfile.

- Docker performs the build in stages:

- First, it compiles the app in a temporary container.

- Then creates a small production-ready image with just the binary.
- Result is a clean, secure image (~1.96MB) with no extra tools.

## **By This we achieve**

### 1. Drastically Smaller Image Size

- From 654MB (normal) → ~1.96MB (multi-stage + distroless)
- Faster deployment, quicker image pulls, and less storage usage.

### 2. Improved Security

- Distroless images remove package managers, shells, and extra tools.
- This minimizes attack surface and follows the principle of least privilege.

### 3. Cleaner Separation of Concerns

- Multi-stage builds keep build tools in one stage and only copy the final artifact into the runtime stage.
- Results in clean, production-ready images.