

# Docker 101 lab

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# Agenda

- 1) Brief summary about *what is a composition*
- 2) Let's go! //playing together with a composition
- 3) Play time!
- 4) Doubts, conclusions and shared experiences

# What is a Docker Composition?

## Assumptions

- 1) Everyone has reviewed the Docker101 talk
- 2) Everyone knows what is Docker and knows the difference between an image and a container
- 3) Everyone has been able to experiment with Docker and the dockerhub ecosystem

# A Composition is

*a.k.a. Docker Compose instance*

- multi-container environment
- with an isolated network
- with automatic NS resolution based on containers name and aliases
- with the ability to inter-relate and define dependences between each container / service
- with the capability to deploy and integrate public images with specific build scripts

# docker-compose is your friend!



## How it looks?

YAML syntax:

```
version: '3'
services:
  web:
    build: .
    ports:
      - "5000:5000"
  redis:
    image: "redis:alpine"
```

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this will provide two containers

- web: that uses local Dockerfile definition and binds the 5000/tcp
- redis: that runs an alpine tagged redis image from DockerHub

# Cheat sheet

## Start composition running containers in background

```
$ docker-compose up -d
```

## Stop composition

```
$ docker-compose down
```

## Build composition

```
$ docker-compose build [$service]
```

```
$ docker-compose start [$service]
```

```
$ docker-compose stop [$service]
```

**Review logs**

```
$ docker-compose logs -f [$service]
```

**Rescale service**

```
$ docker-compose scale $service=4
```

**Stream container events**

```
$ docker-compose events --json
```

**Drop an interactive shell**

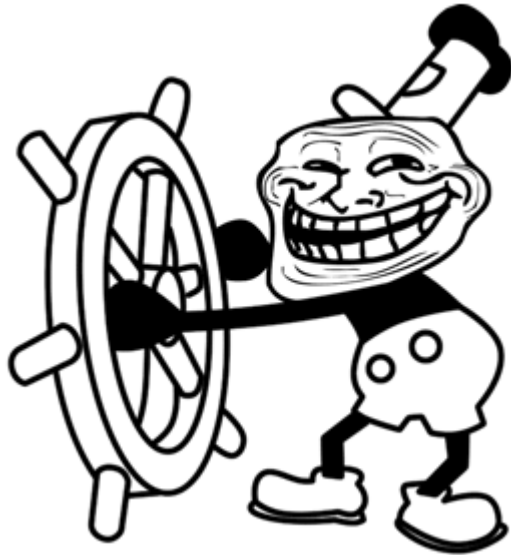
```
$ docker-compose -it exec $service bash
```



**Let's go!**

Now we're going to extend a real and **very, very very important project** with a Composition :

[https://github.com/pygrn/todos\\_django](https://github.com/pygrn/todos_django) ([https://github.com/pygrn/todos\\_django](https://github.com/pygrn/todos_django)).



This is a Django project that serves an example TODOS API created by [@manelclos](https://github.com/manelclos) (<https://github.com/manelclos>).

## Prepare the repo

```
$ workon todos_django
```

or `mkproject todos_django` or just activate a fresh virtual env

```
$ git clone git@github.com:pygrn/todos_django.git .
```

## Create our build file

- Create a new file named Dockerfile

```
FROM python:3.6
ENV PYTHONUNBUFFERED 1
COPY . /code/
WORKDIR /code
RUN pip install -r requirements.txt
```

, that means:

- use python:3.6 public image, and extend it with
- export PYTHONUNBUFFERED=1
- copy all the repo code at /code
- assume that current directory will be /code
- process and install all project requirements

- Create the image\*

```
docker build -t todos_django:latest .
```

, this will tag the resultant image as `todos_django:latest`

- Run the image, just to review what it contains\*

```
docker run --rm -it todos_django:latest bash
```

, this will provide an interactive temporal container that uses our image and drops a shell

\*: step not necessary, `docker-compose` will build it if needed

## Create our Composition

- Create a new file named `docker-compose.yml`

```
version: '3'
services:
  api:
    build: .
    volumes:
      - ./code
    ports:
      - "81:8000"
```

, that means:

- hey "mrs compose", this is a version3 composition that should deploy a container serving the `api`
- the image should be builded using our `Dockerfile`
- at run time, `host` project directory should be mounted inside container `/code` folder
- container `8000/tcp` will be exposed to host at `81/tcp`

- Let's going to try to start it

```
$ docker-compose up
```

## WTF??? What's happened?

```
...
```

```
Creating network "todos_django_default" with the default driver
Creating todos_django_api_1 ... done
Attaching to todos_django_api_1
todos_django_api_1 exited with code 0
```

```
$
```



## We forget to define what it should do!!

**api:**

```
...  
command: ["python", "manage.py", "runserver"]
```

, this tells that `$ python manage.py runserver` should be run once the container is ready!

**, it works, but we should add a DB to our composition!**

```
...  
api_1 | File "/usr/local/lib/python3.6/site-packages/django/db/backends/postgresql/base.py", line 176, in get_new_connection  
api_1 |     connection = Database.connect(**conn_params)  
api_1 | File "/usr/local/lib/python3.6/site-packages/psycopg2/__init__.py", line 130, in connect  
api_1 |     conn = _connect(dsn, connection_factory=connection_factory, **kwargs)  
api_1 | django.db.utils.OperationalError: could not connect to server: No such file or directory  
api_1 | Is the server running locally and accepting  
api_1 | connections on Unix domain socket "/var/run/postgresql/.s.PGSQL.5432"?  
api_1 |
```

```
version: '3'
services:

    ....

db:
  image: kartoza/postgis:latest
  environment:
    - POSTGRES_DB=a_database
    - POSTGRES_USER=a_user
    - POSTGRES_PASS=a_password
    - ALLOW_IP_RANGE=0.0.0.0/0
  ports:
    - 35432:5432
```

, this will

- provide a new service named db that will start a PostgreSQL with PostGIS extensions ready
- creating a new database named a\_database
- granting access for a\_user:a\_password
- allowing connections from any IP
- exposing the container's psql port 5432 as host 35432

## WTF?? Both containers are correctly defined, but the DB is not ready for our web

```
db_1 | 2019-03-05 15:37:23.354 UTC [40] LOG: database system was shut down a
t 2019-02-01 14:24:17 UTC
db_1 | 2019-03-05 15:37:23.388 UTC [27] LOG: database system is ready to acc
ept connections
api_1 | Try to load extra settings: settings-production.py
api_1 | Performing system checks...
api_1 |
api_1 | System check identified no issues (0 silenced).
api_1 | Unhandled exception in thread started by <function check_errors.<local
s>.wrapper at 0x7fdc5d447268>
api_1 | Traceback (most recent call last):
api_1 |   File "/usr/local/lib/python3.6/site-packages/django/db/backends/bas
e/base.py", line 213, in ensure_connection
api_1 |     self.connect()
api_1 |   File "/usr/local/lib/python3.6/site-packages/django/db/backends/bas
e/base.py", line 189, in connect
api_1 |     self.connection = self.get_new_connection(conn_params)
api_1 |   File "/usr/local/lib/python3.6/site-packages/django/db/backends/post
gresql/base.py", line 176, in get_new_connection
api_1 |     connection = Database.connect(**conn_params)
api_1 |   File "/usr/local/lib/python3.6/site-packages/psycopg2/__init__.py",
```

## Solution: Use wait scripts!

<https://github.com/vishnubob/wait-for-it> (<https://github.com/vishnubob/wait-for-it>),

- Fetch the `wait-for-it.sh` script and save it at `utils/wait-for-it.sh`  
//ensure that is executable!  

```
$ mkdir -p utils && curl https://raw.githubusercontent.com/vishnubob/wait-for-it/master/wait-for-it.sh -o utils/wait-for-it.sh && chmod +x utils/wait-for-it.sh
```

- Prepare an start script! `utils/start-server.sh` //it should be executable!

```
pip install -r requirements.txt  
python manage.py migrate  
python manage.py runserver 0.0.0.0:8000
```

, this will ensure to review requirements, apply latest pending migrations and start Django!

- Improve our composition to change web start command and define a dependency to db:

```
api:
  build: .
  volumes:
    - ./code
  ports:
    - "81:8000"
  command: ["bash", "./utils/wait-for-it.sh", "db:5432", "--", "bash", "./utils/start-server.sh"]
  depends_on:
    - db
```

, this will start our Django once the 5432/tcp@db is ready to accept connections!

## OK! Now our Django is waiting for the DB, but still breaking!

We should review our Django config, it needs some ENV vars to point to our backend

```
$ vi todos_project/settings-production.py
```

```
DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        # 'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.postgresql_psycopg2',
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.postgresql',
        'NAME': os.environ.get('DB_NAME'),
        'USER': os.environ.get('DB_USER'),
        'PASSWORD': os.environ.get('DB_PASSWORD'),
        'HOST': os.environ.get('DB_HOST'),
        'PORT': os.environ.get('DB_PORT'),
    },
}
ALLOWED_HOSTS = ['*']
```

# Config the environment

...

```
api:
  environment:
    - DB_HOST=${DB_HOST}
    - DB_PORT=${DB_PORT}
    - DB_NAME=${DB_NAME}
    - DB_USER=${DB_USER}
    - DB_PASSWORD=${DB_PASSWORD}
```

...

```
db:
  environment:
    - POSTGRES_DB=${DB_NAME}
    - POSTGRES_USER=${DB_USER}
    - POSTGRES_PASS=${DB_PASSWORD}
    - ALLOW_IP_RANGE=0.0.0.0/0
```

- Create an .env file

```
DB_HOST=db
DB_PORT=5432
DB_NAME=todos
DB_USER=todos
DB_PASSWORD=this_is_not_a_secure_password
```

It's magic!! It works!!!

<http://0.0.0.0:81/api/v1/> (<http://0.0.0.0:81/api/v1/>).

Django REST framework

Api Root

## Api Root

OPTIONS

GET



The default basic root view for DefaultRouter

GET /api/v1/

HTTP 200 OK

Allow: GET, HEAD, OPTIONS

Content-Type: application/json

Vary: Accept

```
{
  "todos": "http://0.0.0.0:81/api/v1/todos/"
}
```



**It can be more intense...**

We'll try to integrate the React frontend created by [@francescarpi](https://github.com/francescarpi)  
(<http://github.com/francescarpi>):

[https://github.com/pygrn/todos\\_react](https://github.com/pygrn/todos_react) ([https://github.com/pygrn/todos\\_react](https://github.com/pygrn/todos_react)).

**The idea is to show alternative ways to provide a container as a service**

- Create another build script named `Dockerfile_frontend`

```
# Use an alpine-based (ver small base) node image
```

```
FROM node:alpine
```

```
RUN apk update && apk upgrade && \  
    apk add --no-cache bash git openssh
```

```
# Prepare our project and their dependencies
```

```
RUN mkdir /code
```

```
WORKDIR /code
```

```
RUN git clone https://github.com/pygrn/todos_react .
```

```
RUN sed -i 's;https://server3.microdissenry.com/apps/todos;http://api:8000;g' s  
rc/lib/apiclient.js
```

```
RUN yarn install
```

```
# Directly upload the wait-for-it script to the image
```

```
ADD utils/wait-for-it.sh ./
```

```
RUN chmod +x wait-for-it.sh
```

- Add the new service!

...

```
web:
  build:
    context: ./
    dockerfile: Dockerfile_frontend
  command: ["bash", "./wait-for-it.sh", "api:8000", "--", "yarn", "start"]
  ports:
    - "80:3000"
  depends_on:
    - api
  restart: always
```

## It can be extended with

- build arguments passed from our composition
  - see <https://docs.docker.com/compose/compose-file/#build>  
(<https://docs.docker.com/compose/compose-file/#build>).
  - ie usefull to define which repository tag should be used at build time
- shared volumes
  - <https://docs.docker.com/compose/compose-file/#volumes>  
(<https://docs.docker.com/compose/compose-file/#volumes>).
  - interesting if some kind of low-level sharing should be provided, ie
    - share store between N redis instances
    - map the build output of our nodejs-based app into the access layer (ie nginx)

- custom networks
  - <https://docs.docker.com/compose/networking/#specify-custom-networks> (<https://docs.docker.com/compose/networking/#specify-custom-networks>)
  - very useful if some kind of network restrictions should be applied to our composition, ie
    - isolate a DMZ, a preDMZ and a LAN restricting the exposure and the visibility of our services
    - (re)use already existent networks (powered by other compositions)
- service scalation
  - <https://docs.docker.com/compose/reference/scale/> (<https://docs.docker.com/compose/reference/scale/>)
  - very useful to start N instances of same service, and be able to re-scale if needed, ie for
    - dispatch N workers
    - launch N access layer elements
- ...

## Some interesting utilities

- Clean development environment(s)
- Simple, quick and standardized deployments!
  - previous step to the orchestration
- Local testing
  - Thing about to provide the 3G:
    - Good **migrations**, Good **test data**, Good **tests!**  
xDD
- Continuous Integration
  - Travis (<https://travis-ci.org>).
  - CircleCI (<https://circleci.com>).

# Play time!

- 1) Select one of our favourite projects
- 2) Think which composition can be provided to the project to reach a quick-run / quick-deployable env
- 3) Play with it! If support is needed just warn us!

**It's all!**



For more information <https://docs.docker.com/compose/>  
[\(https://docs.docker.com/compose/\)](https://docs.docker.com/compose/).



**Questions?**