

Containerizing the Go Web Server and Adding Environment-Based Deployment

The task involves containerizing the Go web server and creating a deployment setup that switches between DEV and PROD environments by reading different files. I'll guide you through the steps:

Folder Structure:

```
├─ challenge-02
|   └─ README.md
|   └─ docker-compose.yml
|   └─ Dockerfile
|   └─ golang
|       └─ file.txt
|       └─ file-dev.txt
|       └─ file-prod.txt
|       └─ server.go
```

Step 1: Dockerizing the Go Web Server

1. **Create a Dockerfile** in the `challenge-02` folder:

Step 2: Create a Docker Compose Setup

2. **Create a `docker-compose.yml` file** to define services for different environments

Step 3: Adjust Deployment Logic with Environment Variables

Since you can't change the `server.go` file directly, we will ensure that the correct file (`file-dev.txt` or `file-prod.txt`) is linked as `file.txt` depending on the environment using `docker-compose` volume mounting.

- In the `docker-compose.yml` file, for DEV, the `file-dev.txt` is mounted to `/app/file.txt`.
- For PROD, `file-prod.txt` is mounted to `/app/file.txt`.

This way, when the server is started, it will read from `file.txt`, but the actual content comes from either `file-dev.txt` or `file-prod.txt` based on the environment.

Step 4: Build and Run the Containers

1. **Build and run for DEV:**

```
docker-compose up --build web-server-dev
```

- This will start the server on port 8080 with the DEV environment.
- Visit `http://localhost:8080` to see the content of `file-dev.txt`

```
Hello there! This is DEV Golang web server!
```

Build and run for PROD:

```
docker-compose up --build web-server-prod
```

- This will start the server on port 8081 with the PROD environment.
- Visit `http://localhost:8081` to see the content of `file-prod.txt`

```
Hello there! This is PROD Golang web server!
```

Step 5: Observability (Stretch Goal)

For observability, you can integrate a simple logging mechanism within Docker to capture logs and later add monitoring tools like Prometheus or Grafana. As an easy observability step, Docker Compose logs can be monitored:

1. View Logs:

```
docker-compose logs -f
```

This command will continuously stream the server logs, which can help in debugging or monitoring server health.

1. To build and run the DEV server:

```
docker-compose up --build web-server-dev
```

2. To build and run the PROD server:

```
docker-compose up --build web-server-prod
```

The Go web server will be containerized, and the appropriate environment-specific file (`file-dev.txt` or `file-prod.txt`) will be displayed based on the deployment environment.