The Way of Dockerize a Spring Boot and MySQL Application With Docker Compose.

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Pre-requisite,

— Basic knowledge of docker and java with spring boot

— Setup Docker and Docker compose to local machine

Technology Stack

+ Spring Boot 3.0.0-RELEASE

+ Spring Data JPA

+ MySQL — 8.0

+ Docker — version 20.10.21

+ Docker-Compose — version v2.13.0

You can get instruction about docker installation from https://docs.docker.com/desktop/install/windows-install/.I have downloaded docker desktop to my local pc and It is wrapped up docker with docker compose. So no need to install docker compose separately.

Overview

My sample application provide GET api for display list of person's names. The sample data is fetching from MySql DB.

What is :

Docker : Docker is open source containerization platform used for building, packaging, and managing applications in an isolated environment.
Dockerfile : It is the place where we config the model of our docker container. By using dockerfile we can create docker image.
Docker Image: The blueprint for create docker contaiers.(According to oop concepts it is like a class)
Docker Container : It is runnable instance of image.(According to oop concepts it is like a object which is derived from class)
Docker Compose : Docker compose is a tool which helps us to easily handle multiple containers at once.

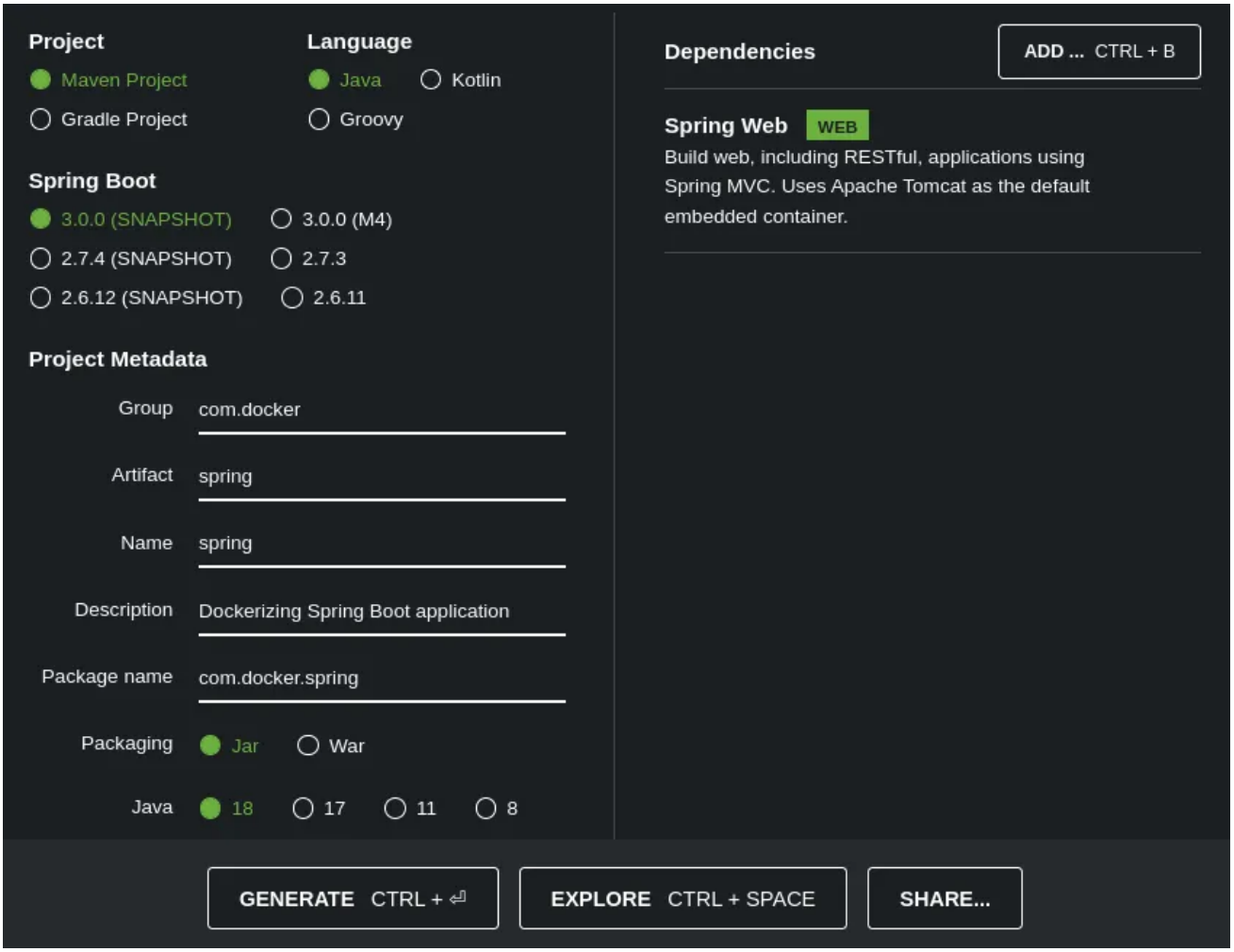
I'm going to following below steps:
1).Create spring boot application and connect it with MySql DB.
2).Create Dockerfile to Spring boot application.
3).Create docker compose configuration file
4).Run the system and inspect running containers

Step 1:

Create spring boot application and connect it with MySql DB.
1).Navigate to https://start.spring.io.

2).Choose

either Gradle or Maven as build tool. In here I'm using maven, Java 18 and .jar as packaging.



Create Spring boot application

3).Click Dependencies and select spring starter web, spring data jpa and mysql connector. This is my pom.xml file.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<project xmlns="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.
 xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0 https://maven.apache.
 <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>
 <parent>
  <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-parent</artifactId>
  <version>3.0.0</version>
  <relativePath/> <!-- lookup parent from repository -->
 </parent>
 <groupId>com.example</groupId>
 <artifactId>basic</artifactId>
 <version>0.0.1-SNAPSHOT</version>
 <name>basic</name>
 <description>Demo project for Spring Boot</description>
```

```
 <properties>
  <maven.compiler.source>17</maven.compiler.source>
       <maven.compiler.target>17</maven.compiler.target>
 </properties>
 <dependencies>
  <dependency>
   <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
   <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-web</artifactId>
  </dependency>

   <dependency>
            <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
            <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-data-jpa</artifactId>
        </dependency>

        <!-- MySQL -->
        <dependency>
            <groupId>mysql</groupId>
            <artifactId>mysql-connector-java</artifactId>
        </dependency>



 </dependencies>

 <build>
  <plugins>
   <plugin>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-boot-maven-plugin</artifactId>
   </plugin>
  </plugins>
  <finalName>spring_rest_docker</finalName>
 </build>

</project>
```

4).Download the resulting ZIP file, which is an archive of a web application that is configured with your choices.
5).Create a GET endpoint to fetch data from db.

```
@RestController
public class BasicController {

 @Autowired
 private PersonService personService;
```

```
 @GetMapping("/all")
 public List<Persons> getAll() {
  return personService.findAll();
 }
}
```

6).Connect application with MySql db. Here is my application.properties file.

```
spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto=update
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/basics?allowPublicKeyRetri
spring.datasource.username=amila_one
spring.datasource.password=Amila_pw

spring.sql.init.mode=always
spring.datasource.initialization-mode=always
```

Step 2:

Create a Dockerfile to Spring boot application. The dockerfile should be in the class path.

```
#
# Build stage
#
FROM maven:3.8.3-openjdk-17 AS build
COPY src /home/app/src
COPY pom.xml /home/app
RUN mvn -f /home/app/pom.xml clean package
EXPOSE 8080
ENTRYPOINT ["java","-jar","/home/app/target/spring_rest_docker.jar"]
```

FROM : Fetching latest version of Java image with maven. This pre define docker image exists on docker hub.
COPY : Copying Project src folder to openjdk-17 container's root directory /home/app/src.Copy again pom.xml file to /home/app/.
RUN : Execute the mavean command to build the .jar file accoring to given pom.xml file.
EXPOSE : Specify that expose server port

ENTRYPOINT : Execute command for run the .jar file.We can use **CMD** instead of **ENTRYPOINT**.If we use **CMD** we can provide arguments to image when build it.

Step 3:

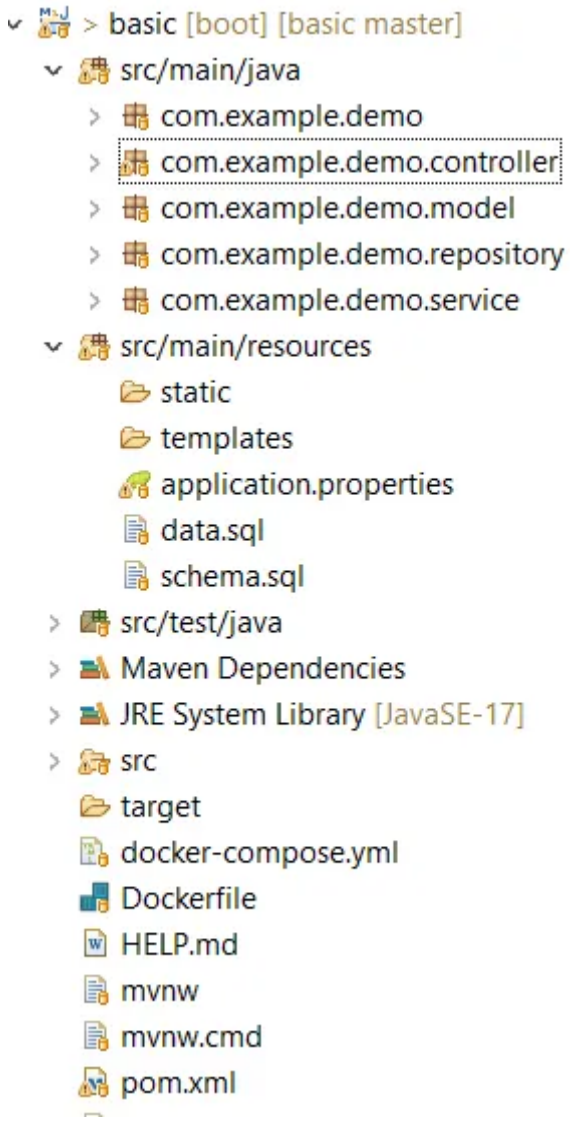
Create docker compose configuration file.The naming convention of this file should be docker-compose.yaml or .yml. This file should be on the class path. This docker compose file helps us to combine the spring boot app and MySql db setup.

```
version: "3.7"
services:
  api_service:
    build: .
    restart: always
    ports:
      - 8080:8080
    networks:
      - springapimysql-net
    environment:
      - spring.datasource.url=jdbc:mysql://mysqldb:3306/basics?allowPublicKe
    depends_on:
      - mysqldb

    volumes:
      - .m2:/root/.m2

  mysqldb:
    image: "mysql:8.0"
    restart: always
    ports:
      - 3306:3306
    networks:
      - springapimysql-net
    environment:
      MYSQL_DATABASE: basics
      MYSQL_USER: amila_one
      MYSQL_PASSWORD: Amila_pw
      MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD: Amila_Rpw
networks:
  springapimysql-net:
```

version: Version of Docker Compose file format.
services: My application has two services: app (Spring Boot) and mysqldb (MySQL database image).

build: Configuration options that are applied at build time that we defined in the Dockerfile with relative path
image: Official Docker image from docker hub
volumes: Named volumes that keeps our data alive after restart.
network: The two services should be belong to one network.
depends_on: Dependency order, mysqldb is started before app
++***Important*** **:** The data base host name should be replaced by data base service name. Ex : ***jdbc:mysql://mysqldb:3306/basics?***

The project structure looks like below:



Project Structure

In here schema.sql (DDL queries) file added to create table structure and data.sql file added to load data (DML queries) while populate to spring application.

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS persons(
    `id` bigint(20) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
    `name` varchar(255) DEFAULT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (`id`)
)ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4;
```

```
INSERT  INTO persons(name) VALUES('Amila');
INSERT  INTO persons(name) VALUES('Iroshan');
```

Step 4:

Run the system and inspect running containers. We can run our whole application using one docker command.

docker-compose up

You can check created docker images using : **docker images**

```
PS C:\Users\Asus\Documents\workspace-spring-tool-suite-4-4.16.1.RELEASE\basic> docker images
REPOSITORY          TAG       IMAGE ID       CREATED       SIZE
basic-api_service   latest    c2786433dde2   7 hours ago   894MB
mysql               8.0       b939d379d46e   7 days ago    514MB
```

Show Docker Images

You can check created docker containers using : **docker ps**

```
PS C:\Users\Asus\Documents\workspace-spring-tool-suite-4-4.16.1.RELEASE\basic> docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE              COMMAND                  CREATED          STATUS          PORTS                                NAMES
e0e5cd710ef6   basic-api_service  "java -jar /home/app…"   13 seconds ago   Up 7 seconds    0.0.0.0:8080->8080/tcp               basic-api_service-1
fc71caf651d4   mysql:8.0          "docker-entrypoint.s…"   13 seconds ago   Up 9 seconds    0.0.0.0:3306->3306/tcp, 33060/tcp    basic-mysqldb-1
```

Show Docker Containers

Login in to created containers using :

api_service container = **docker exec -it basic-api_service-1 bin/sh**

```
S C:\Users\Asus> docker exec -it basic-api_service-1 bin/sh
h-4.4# ls
in  boot  dev  etc  home  lib  lib64  media  mnt  opt  proc  root  run  sbin  srv  sys  tmp  usr  var
h-4.4# cd home/app
h-4.4# ls
om.xml  src  target
h-4.4# cd target
h-4.4# ls
lasses  generated-sources  generated-test-sources  maven-archiver  maven-status  spring_rest_docker.jar  spring_rest_docker.jar.original  test-classes
h-4.4#
S C:\Users\Asus>
```

api_service container

mysqldb container = **docker exec -it basic-mysqldb-1 bash**

```
PS C:\Users\Asus> docker exec -it basic-mysqldb-1 bash
bash-4.4# mysql -u root -p
Enter password:
ERROR 1045 (28000): Access denied for user 'root'@'localhost' (using password: YES)
bash-4.4# mysql -u root -p
Enter password:
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 19
Server version: 8.0.32 MySQL Community Server - GPL

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql> show databases;
+--------------------+
| Database           |
+--------------------+
| basics             |
| information_schema |
| mysql              |
| performance_schema |
| sys                |
+--------------------+
5 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> use basics;
Reading table information for completion of table and column names
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A

Database changed
mysql> select * from persons;
+----+---------+
| id | name    |
+----+---------+
|  1 | Amila   |
|  2 | Iroshan |
```

mysqldb container

Final Result

Navigate to this GET URL on you browser or any rest client.

http://localhost:8080/all

Final output

Source Code

The source code for this tutorial can be found at Github.

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