

Step-by-Step Guide

1. Setup Instructions

First, I will install Docker if I don't have it on my system. I can download it from the official Docker Website <https://www.docker.com/>. Docker Compose usually comes with Docker Desktop, so I will make sure it's installed too.

Next, I will clone the repository to my local machine by running:

```
Cloning into 'FullStack-ToDo-List-Docker'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 279, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (279/279), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (137/137), done.
remote: Total 279 (delta 113), reused 279 (delta 113), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
Receiving objects: 100% (279/279), 2.65 MiB | 64.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (113/113), done.
edem@edem-ThinkPad-T450:~$ ls
Desktop      FullStack-ToDo-List-Docker  myenv          Public
Documents    get-docker.sh               number-classification-api  Templates
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```

2. Creating the Dockerfiles

Each component of the application (Frontend, Backend, and Database) has its own **Dockerfile**, which defines how the container is built and configured.

Frontend Dockerfile:

```
Frontend > dockerfile > ...
1  FROM node:lts-alpine
2  ENV NODE_ENV=production
3  WORKDIR /usr/src/app
4  COPY ["package.json", "package-lock.json*", "npm-shrinkwrap.json*", "./"]
5  RUN npm install --include dev
6  COPY . .
7  EXPOSE 5173
8  RUN chown -R node /usr/src/app
9  USER node
10 CMD ["npm", "run", "dev"]
11
```

- Uses a lightweight **Node.js Alpine** image.
- Copies the project files and installs dependencies.
- Runs the frontend application on port **5173**.

Backend Dockerfile:

```
Backend > 🐳 dockerfile > ...
1 FROM node:lts-alpine
2 ENV NODE_ENV=production
3 WORKDIR /usr/src/app
4 COPY ["package.json", "package-lock.json*", "npm-shrinkwrap.json*", "./*"]
5 RUN npm install --production --silent && mv node_modules ../
6 COPY . .
7 EXPOSE 3000
8 RUN chown -R node /usr/src/app
9 USER node
10 CMD ["npm", "start"]
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```

- Uses **Node.js Alpine** for efficiency.
- Installs only production dependencies to optimize the build.
- Runs the backend on port **3000**.

Database Dockerfile:

```
Backend > DB > 🐳 dockerfile > ...
1
2 FROM mongo:latest
3
4
5 WORKDIR /data/db
6
7
8 EXPOSE 27017
9
10
11 CMD ["mongod"]
```

- Uses the **MongoDB** official image.
- Exposes **port 27017**, which is MongoDB's default port.
- Runs the **MongoDB daemon** (mongod).

3. Creating the Docker Compose file

The docker-compose.yml file defines how all three services (Frontend, Backend, and Database) work together.

```

🔥 docker-compose.yml
1  version: '3.8'
2
   ▶ Run All Services
3  services:
   ▶ Run Service
4    frontend:
5      build:
6        context: ./frontend
7        dockerfile: dockerfile
8      ports:
9        - "5173:5173"
10     depends_on:
11       - backend
12     networks:
13       - app_network

```

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   ▶ Run Service
15    backend:
16      build:
17        context: ./backend
18        dockerfile: dockerfile
19      ports:
20        - "3000:3000"
21      depends_on:
22        - database
23      environment:
24        - MONGO_URI=mongodb://database:27017
25      networks:
26        - app_network
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```

Defines **three services**: frontend, backend, and database.

Networks:

- All services are connected using a custom **bridge network** (app_network).

Volumes:

- The database uses a persistent volume (mongo_data) to store data.

Dependencies:

- The **Frontend** depends on the **Backend**.
- The **Backend** depends on the **Database**.

4. Containers

Build the Containers:

Use Docker Compose to build the necessary containers for the frontend, backend, and

database:

```
edem@edem-ThinkPad-T450:~/FullStack-ToDo-List-Docker$ docker-compose up --build
Creating network "fullstack-todo-list-docker_app_network" with driver "bridge"
Creating volume "fullstack-todo-list-docker_mongo_data" with default driver
Building database
[+] Building 1156.5s (6/6) FINISHED                                docker:default
=> [internal] load build definition from dockerfile                0.0s
=> => transferring dockerfile: 106B                                0.0s
=> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/mongo:latest    13.0s
=> [internal] load .dockerignore                                  0.0s
=> => transferring context: 2B                                       0.0s
=> [1/2] FROM docker.io/library/mongo:latest@sha256:98028cf281bb5d49a 1143.3s
=> => resolve docker.io/library/mongo:latest@sha256:98028cf281bb5d49ace5 0.0s
=> => sha256:883cc53df4d14401922df6eb2b6a16b4ac461afd04a 2.48kB / 2.48kB 0.0s
=> => sha256:14bce8bf75c7ffb890108deal6aae00d9f1667b86f1 7.86kB / 7.86kB 0.0s
=> => sha256:d9d352c11bbd3880007953ed6eec1cbace76898 29.72MB / 29.72MB 153.6s
=> => sha256:0a4282d2a9c9631b43bac0401761e63c994b9d22944 1.22kB / 1.22kB 1.0s
=> => sha256:98028cf281bb5d49ace5e1ddbd4509e8f1382fe80ef 3.25kB / 3.25kB 0.0s
=> => sha256:e88cb4c0b31e04d06143fbb77ee0dd2fa5188ddabe 1.51MB / 1.51MB 11.1s
=> => sha256:06b43d55bbbc28524f0252a0034c930062ec1d941e 1.13MB / 1.13MB 12.0s
=> => sha256:697905244cafadcc2be9f968b8da0a6d31eb238486d621 116B / 116B 13.0s
=> => sha256:ebd0c6090698c0d71bfc98dcba0c8746d733b40f665d30 262B / 262B 14.7s
=> => sha256:3e961522d85cd6b1aa0293250773d96d51f9 259.77MB / 259.77MB 1136.3s
=> => sha256:35581a5e0588d5e5b5a449d9b312512dc68256864b 5.00kB / 5.00kB 15.5s
=> => extracting sha256:d9d352c11bbd3880007953ed6eec1cbace76898828f34349 1.1s
=> => extracting sha256:0a4282d2a9c9631b43bac0401761e63c994b9d229447a606 0.0s
=> => extracting sha256:e88cb4c0b31e04d06143fbb77ee0dd2fa5188ddabe7da190 0.1s
=> => extracting sha256:06b43d55bbbc28524f0252a0034c930062ec1d941e66106d 0.0s
=> => extracting sha256:697905244cafadcc2be9f968b8da0a6d31eb238486d6218c 0.0s
=> => extracting sha256:ebd0c6090698c0d71bfc98dcba0c8746d733b40f665d3021 0.0s
=> => extracting sha256:3e961522d85cd6b1aa0293250773d96d51f989a8723ea543 5.8s
=> => extracting sha256:35581a5e0588d5e5b5a449d9b312512dc68256864b0eda10 0.0s
=> [2/2] WORKDIR /data/db                                         0.1s
=> exporting to image                                              0.0s
=> => exporting layers                                             0.0s
=> => writing image sha256:4d505134e47e867d539c67d6c8de0ae66fe7e25f29e70 0.0s
=> => naming to docker.io/library/fullstack-todo-list-docker_database 0.0s
Building backend
[+] Building 161.9s (11/11) FINISHED                                docker:default
=> [internal] load build definition from dockerfile                0.0s
=> => transferring dockerfile: 323B                                0.0s
=> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/node:lts-alpine 7.2s
=> [internal] load .dockerignore                                  0.0s
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=> => extracting sha256:65b9c193e6b7c9d299d1f52e4accba0a196032bdc252ed87 1.6s
=> => extracting sha256:826f8ad948ffe9f7dc092f12ede9e6f14c1db6dae6c0c20b 0.0s
=> => extracting sha256:cb37e5b9a0a186241dd70c5ceab5af7a7a891d3180a4b160 0.0s
=> [internal] load build context 0.0s
=> => transferring context: 58.07kB 0.0s
=> [2/6] WORKDIR /usr/src/app 0.5s
=> [3/6] COPY [package.json, package-lock.json*, npm-shrinkwrap.json*, . 0.0s
=> [4/6] RUN npm install --production --silent && mv node_modules ../ 17.8s
=> [5/6] COPY . . 0.0s
=> [6/6] RUN chown -R node /usr/src/app 0.2s
=> exporting to image 0.4s
=> => exporting layers 0.4s
=> => writing image sha256:dedff3e407396fff1010384d04abd2cc4c75a2af29150 0.0s
=> => naming to docker.io/library/fullstack-todo-list-docker_backend 0.0s
Building frontend
[+] Building 102.3s (11/11) FINISHED docker:default
=> [internal] load build definition from dockerfile 0.0s
=> => transferring dockerfile: 297B 0.0s
=> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/node:lts-alpine 6.7s
=> [internal] load .dockerignore 0.0s
=> => transferring context: 2B 0.0s
=> [1/6] FROM docker.io/library/node:lts-alpine@sha256:41e4389f3d988d2ed 0.0s
=> [internal] load build context 0.0s
=> => transferring context: 302.23kB 0.0s
=> CACHED [2/6] WORKDIR /usr/src/app 0.0s
=> [3/6] COPY [package.json, package-lock.json*, npm-shrinkwrap.json*, . 0.1s
=> [4/6] RUN npm install --include dev 65.9s
=> [5/6] COPY . . 0.0s
=> [6/6] RUN chown -R node /usr/src/app 26.6s
=> exporting to image 2.8s
=> => exporting layers 2.8s
=> => writing image sha256:95cd0c543b487b754ea6e64060ba9d1dcf313c8d6183b 0.0s
=> => naming to docker.io/library/fullstack-todo-list-docker_frontend 0.0s
Creating mongodb container ... done
Creating fullstack-todo-list-docker_backend_1 ... done
Creating fullstack-todo-list-docker_frontend_1 ... done
Attaching to mongodb_container, fullstack-todo-list-docker_backend_1, fullstack-todo-list-docker_frontend_1

```

Start the Containers:

Run the containers

```

edem@edem-ThinkPad-T450:~/FullStack-ToDo-List-Docker$ docker-compose up
Starting mongodb_container ... done
Starting fullstack-todo-list-docker_backend_1 ... done
Starting fullstack-todo-list-docker_frontend_1 ... done
Attaching to mongodb_container, fullstack-todo-list-docker_backend_1, fullstack-todo-list-docker_frontend_1

```

Access the Application:

Frontend: Open your browser and navigate to <http://localhost:5173>.

localhost:5173

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Todo Title

Todo Description

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Backend: You can access the backend API through <http://localhost:3000>.

localhost:3000

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Stop the Containers:

To stop the containers, run:

```
● edem@edem-ThinkPad-T450:~/FullStack-ToDo-List-Docker$ docker-compose down
Stopping fullstack-todo-list-docker_frontend_1 ... done
Stopping fullstack-todo-list-docker_backend_1 ... done
Stopping mongodb_container ... done
Removing fullstack-todo-list-docker_frontend_1 ... done
Removing fullstack-todo-list-docker_backend_1 ... done
Removing mongodb_container ... done
Removing network fullstack-todo-list-docker_app_network
```