ONBUILD

The **ONBUILD** instruction adds triggers to images. A trigger is executed when the image is used as the basis of another image (e.g., if you have an image that needs source code added from a specific location that might not yet be available, or if you need to execute a build script that is specific to the environment in which the image is built).

A Docker build executes **ONBUILD** commands before any command in a child Dockerfile.

The trigger inserts a new instruction in the build process, as if it were specified right after the **FROM** instruction. The trigger can be any build instruction. For example:

ONBUILD <command> <arguments>

ONBUILD ADD . /usr/src/app

ONBUILD RUN yum install httpd

Dockerfile

FROM busybox

ONBUILD RUN echo "You won't see me until later"

Let’s build a image.

Docker build -t myapp .

Here the ONBUILD instruction is read, not run, but stored for later use.

Here is the later use:

Dockerfile

FROM myapp

The **ONBUILD** instruction only gets run when building the **myapp** image.

ONBUILD gets run just after the **FROM** and before any other instructions in a child image.

You can also have multiple **ONBUILD** instructions same dockerfile.

For real example see below link..

https://github.com/cpuguy83/docker-onbuild_demo

One more example.

At present

Dockerfile

FROM nginx:1.16-alpine

LABEL Auther="Madhu Sudhan Reddy"

WORKDIR /usr/share/nginx/html

ONBUILD COPY index.html .

Build a image

docker build -t mynginx .

run a container

docker container run -d --name nginx-app -p 8002:80 mynginx

let's access the app and see the result….

As you can see, "index.html" is not copied in base image.

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FROM mynginx

Build a image

docker build -t mynginx:v1 .

run a container

docker container run -d --name nginx-app1 -p 8003:80 mynginx:v1

let's access the app and see the result….

Sample **index.html** file.

```
<!doctype html>
<html>
  <head>
        <h1> this is my web site</h1>
  </head>
</html>
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