

Prerequisites

To follow this article, you will need:

- Access to an Ubuntu 20.04 local machine or development server as a non-root user with sudo privileges. If you're using a remote server, it's advisable to have an active firewall installed. To set these up, please refer to our [Initial Server Setup Guide for Ubuntu 20.04](#).
- Docker installed on your server or local machine, following **Steps 1 and 2** of [How To Install and Use Docker on Ubuntu 20.04](#).

Step 1 — Installing Docker Compose

To make sure you obtain the most updated stable version of Docker Compose, you'll download this software from its [official Github repository](#).

First, confirm the latest version available in their [releases page](#). At the time of this writing, the most current stable version is 2.2.3.

Use the following command to download:

```
$ mkdir -p ~/.docker/cli-plugins/  
  
$ curl -SL https://github.com/docker/compose/releases/download/v2.2.3/docker-  
compose-linux-x86_64 -o ~/.docker/cli-plugins/docker-compose
```

Next, set the correct permissions so that the docker compose command is executable:

```
$ chmod +x ~/.docker/cli-plugins/docker-compose
```

To verify that the installation was successful, you can run:

```
$ docker compose version
```

You'll see output similar to this:

Output

```
Docker Compose version v2.2.3
```

Docker Compose is now successfully installed on your system.