Installation of Airflow on the local machine

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The document outlines the process to install Airflow on the local machine.

1. To install airflow on windows local machine we will need Docker first. Go the following URL and download docker installer.

https://docs.docker.com/desktop/install/windows-install/

- 2. During the installation when prompted "Use WSL instead of Hyper-V", please uncheck that checkbox and proceed for installation. The reason for this is in my previous installation experience I had faced a lot of issue in running airflow init command via docker compose. When I researched the reason was this. To get this setting reverse I used some powershell scripts that time but since this is a fresh installation and I am aware of that issue, it is better to uncheck this setting before moving forward.
- 3. You should see the following window during the installation process.



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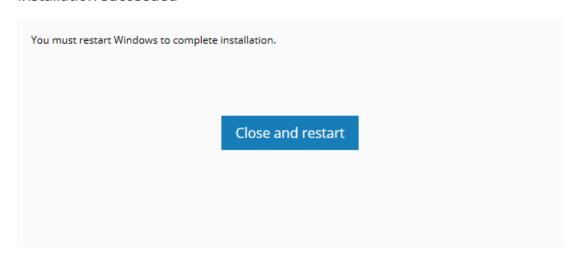
Unpacking files...

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Unpacking file: resources/cli-plugins/docker-scout.exe
Unpacking file: resources/cli-plugins/docker-init.exe
Unpacking file: resources/cli-plugins/docker-feedback.exe
Unpacking file: resources/cli-plugins/docker-feedback.exe
Unpacking file: resources/cli-plugins/docker-extension.exe
Unpacking file: resources/cli-plugins/docker-dev.exe
Unpacking file: resources/cli-plugins/docker-debug.exe
Unpacking file: resources/cli-plugins/docker-compose.exe
Unpacking file: resources/cli-plugins/docker-buildx.exe
Unpacking file: resources/bin/kubectl.exe
Unpacking file: resources/bin/hub-tool.exe
Unpacking file: resources/bin/extension-admin.exe
Unpacking file: resources/bin/docker.exe
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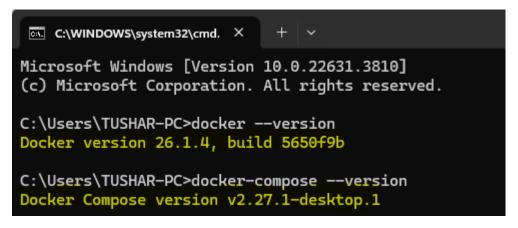
4. Something like this should be seen at the end of successful installation.

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Installation succeeded



5. Verify the installation by running the following commands to check docker and docker compose are with proper versions on your system



6. Create an airflow directory on your local machine for its installation in the way mentioned in the screenshot below:

```
C:\Users\TUSHAR-PC>mkdir airflow-docker
C:\Users\TUSHAR-PC>cd airflow-docker
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7. Go the link mentioned below to download docker-compose.yaml file which will be used for setting up airflow in your environment. This is a preconfigured file which will be used as a base.

https://airflow.apache.org/docs/apache-airflow/stable/howto/docker-compose/index.html#fetching-docker-compose-yaml

8. In the screen you should see this command. Copy the link in the curl command which should be the following:

curl 'https://airflow.apache.org/docs/apache-airflow/2.9.2/docker-compose.yaml' -o 'docker-compose.yaml'

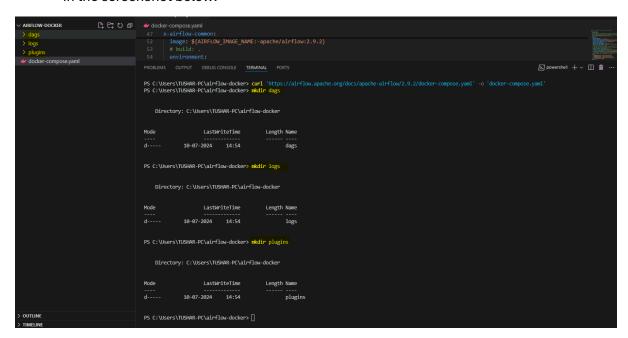
9. Run this command in the VS Code terminal to get the yaml file

'https://airflow.apache.org/docs/apache-airflow/2.9.2/docker-compose.yaml'



10. You should get the docker-compose.yaml file which will have the something like this in the volumes section

11. Create the volumes mentioned in the yaml file in the docker-airflow directory as shown in the screenshot below:



12. Run the command "docker compose up airflow-init" command to initialize the airflow setup

13. You should see the following at the end of the command completion

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airflow-init-1 | User "airflow" created with role "Admin" airflow-init-1 | 2.9.2 | airflow-init-1 exited with code 0 |
PS C:\Users\TUSHAR-PC\airflow-docker> [
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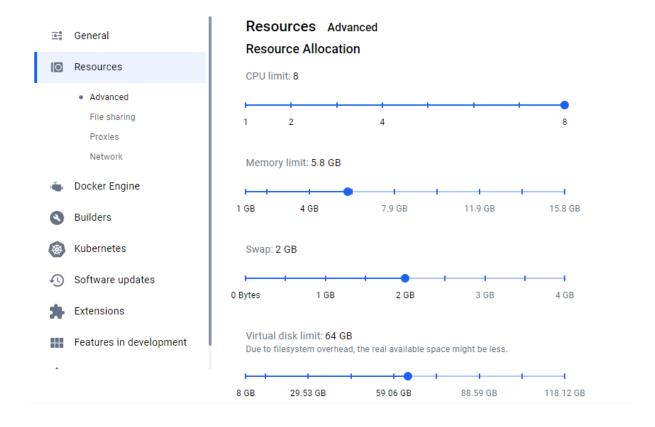
14. Run docker compose up to start services, where you should see something like this in the terminal.

15. After the completion of that command, run "docker ps" to check if all components of airflow are working fine. It should show healthy in status column.

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S C:\Users\TUSHAR-PC\airflow-docker> docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE
                                                               CREATED
                                                                                 STATUS
                                                                                                                   PORTS
                                                                                                                                             NA
              apache/airflow:2.9.2 "/usr/bin/dumb-init ..."
                                                              7 minutes ago
                                                                                Up 6 minutes (healthy)
                                                                                                                   8080/tcp
flow-docker-airflow-scheduler-1
a0dac77771dd apache/airflow:2.9.2 "/usr/bin/dumb-init ..." 7 minutes ago Up 4 minutes (health: starting) 0.0.0.0:8080->8080/tcp ai
rflow-docker-airflow-webserver-1
5a05b18129c apache/airflow:2.9.2 "/usr/bin/dumb-init ..." 7 minutes ago Up 6 minutes (healthy)
                                                                                                                   8080/tcp
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flow-docker-airflow-triggerer-1
             apache/airflow:2.9.2 "/usr/bin/dumb-init ..." 7 minutes ago
                                                                                Up 4 minutes (health: starting) 8080/tcp
                                                                                                                                             ai
flow-docker-airflow-worker-1
                                     "docker-entrypoint.s..." 10 minutes ago Up 10 minutes (healthy)
                                                                                                                   6379/tcp
                                                                                                                                             ai
5182966277fc redis:7.2-bookworm
flow-docker-redis-1
150f514bd200 postgres:13
                                     "docker-entrypoint.s..." 10 minutes ago Up 10 minutes (healthy)
                                                                                                                   5432/tcp
rflow-docker-postgres-1
PS C:\Users\TUSHAR-PC\airflow-docker> []
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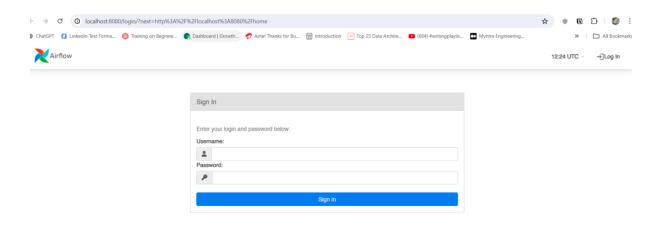
16. Docker & Airflow process may take long time or throw weird errors in between. Please give more resources to it from docker desktop for it to run fine on your machine. This can

be done in the settings panel of the docker desktop app, which runs in system tray. As shown below:



You can then restart docker and check then.

17. After all the installation is done, you should see this screen in your browser when you hit localhost:8080 in the browser. It can be an issue if other applications are using port 8080 already. You might want to give another port to the app in the docker-compose.yaml file or in airflow.cfg if you are not using docker.



18. The login and password by default are "airflow" and "airflow" which can be changed later. After login if you clicks on "DAGS", you should see the system DAGs list below:

