#### **Software Engineering & Project Management Lab**

#### **Experiment No :- 10**

Aim: To learn Dockerfile instructions, build an image for a sample web application using DOCKERFILE.

#### **Theory:**

#### What is Docker?

Docker is a platform that allows developers to build, package, and deploy applications in lightweight, portable containers. These containers include everything needed to run an application, such as code, runtime, system tools, libraries, and dependencies.

#### **Benefits of Docker**

#### 1. Portability

- Containers can run on any platform that supports Docker.
- Applications behave consistently across different environments.

#### 2. Efficiency

- Containers share the host OS kernel, reducing overhead and improving performance.
- They consume fewer resources compared to virtual machines.

#### 3. Isolation

□ Each container runs in its own isolated environment, preventing dependency conflicts.

#### 4. Scalability

- Applications can be scaled up quickly by launching multiple containers.
- Docker enables automatic load balancing in large-scale deployments.

#### 5. Consistency

- Ensures that the application runs the same way in development, testing, and production.
- Eliminates the "works on my machine" problem.

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**DIRECTIVE argument** 

Although the DIRECTIVE is case-insensitive, it is recommended to write all directives in

uppercase to differentiate them from arguments. A Dockerfile usually consists of multiple lines

of instructions that are executed sequentially by the Docker engine during the image-building

process.

Now that you understand the purpose of a Dockerfile, let's get our hands dirty by building one

for a sample Python application.

Building a Dockerfile for a Sample Python/Flask Application The

application we'll be working with is a simple Flask app with only one

home route that returns Hello, World!.

Let's start by setting up the Flask application. Open your favorite code editor and create a new

directory for your project. In this directory, create a new file named app.py and add the

following Python code:

from flask import Flask

app = Flask(\_\_name\_\_)

@app.route('/')

def hello():

return 'Hello, World!'

Now, let's build the Dockerfile.

In the same directory as your app.py, create a new file named Dockerfile (with no file

extension). This is where you'll write the instructions for Docker to build your image.

Now, follow the steps below to create the Dockerfile:

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**#1:** Specify the base image

The very first instruction you write in a Dockerfile must be the FROM directive, which specifies

the base image. The base image is the image from which all other layers in your Docker image

will be built. It's the foundation of your Docker image, much like the foundation of a building.

Add the following instruction to your Dockerfile:

FROM python:3.11-slim

Here, we're telling Docker to use the official Python Docker image, and more specifically, the

3.11-slim version. This slim variant of Python Docker image is a minimal version that excludes

some packages to make the image smaller. Note that the base image you specify will be

downloaded from Docker Hub, Docker's official image registry. The reason we're using Python

as the base image is that the application containerization is written in Python. The Python base

image includes a Python interpreter, which is necessary to run Python code, as well as a number

of commonly used Python utilities and libraries. By using the Python base image, we're

ensuring that the environment within the Docker container is preconfigured for running Python

code.

#2 Set the working directory

Once you've chosen the base image, the next step is to determine the working directory using

the WORKDIR directive. Insert the following line after the FROM directive:

WORKDIR /app

Here, we're telling Docker to create a directory named app in the Docker container and use it

as the current working directory. All instructions that FROM python:3.11-slim WORKDIR /app

follow (like RUN, COPY, and CMD) will be run in this directory inside the container. Think of

this as typing the command cd /app in a terminal to change the current working directory to

/app. The difference here is that it's being done within the Docker container as part of the build

process. A working directory within the container is necessary because it designates a specific

location for our application code within the container and determines where commands will be

run from. If we don't set a working directory, Docker won't have a clear context for where your

application is located, which would make it harder to interact with.

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#3 Install dependencies Once the working directory is set, the next step is to install the

dependencies. Our Python application relies on the Flask web framework, which manages

requests, routes URLs, and handles other web-related tasks. To install Flask, add the following

instruction in your Dockerfile just under the WORKDIR directive:

RUN pip install flask==2.3

Here, we're instructing Docker to use pip (a package installer for Python) to install the specific

version of Flask we need for our application.

#4 Copy application files to the container After setting up the working directory and installing

the necessary dependencies, we're now ready to copy the application files into the Docker

container. To do this, add the following instruction just below the RUN directive:

COPY . /app

This line copies everything in the current directory (denoted by ".") on our host machine into

the /app directory we previously set as our working directory within the Docker container. It's

like using the cp command in the terminal to copy files from one directory to another, but in

this context, it's copying files from your local machine to the Docker container. Why do we

need to do this? It's simple. Without this step, the Docker container wouldn't have access to our

application's code, making it impossible to run our app.

#5 Specify the environment variable Once the application files are copied, we need to set up

the FLASK\_APP environment variable for our Docker container using the ENV directive.

Now, you may be wondering why we need this environment variable in the first place. In our

app.py file, we create an instance of the Flask application and assign it to the variable app. This

application instance is what Flask needs to run, and it's located in the app.py file. When starting

our Flask application using the flask run command (which we'll discuss in the next section),

Flask must know where to locate the application instance to run. Flask uses the FLASK\_APP

environment variable to find this instance. Hence, we need to use the ENV directive to set the

value of FLASK\_APP to app.py. To do this, add the following line under the RUN directive:

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## ENV FLASK\_APP=app.py

This line ensures Flask knows exactly where to find the application instance to run, which in our case is app.py.

**#6 Define the default command** The last instruction that we need for our application is to specify the default command that will be executed when the Docker container starts:

from the image, we'll build from this Dockerfile.

#### Insert the following instruction below the ENV directive:

Here's what each part of the argument passed to the CMD directive does:

- flask: This is the program that we want to run. In this case, it's the Flask commandline interface.
- run: This command instructs Flask to start a local development server.
- --host=0.0.0.0: This argument tells the Flask server to listen on all public IPs. In the context of Docker, this means the Flask application will be accessible on any IP address that can reach the Docker container.
- --port=5000: This argument specifies the port number that the Flask server will listen on. Port 5000 is the default port for Flask, but it's good practice to explicitly declare it for clarity.

After this, our Dockerfile is ready. It should look like this:

FROM python:3.11-slim

WORKDIR /app

RUN pip install flask==2.3

COPY . /app

ENV FLASK\_APP=app.py

CMD ["flask", "run", "--host=0.0.0.0", "--port=5000"]

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It's worth noting that the directives we used in the Dockerfile for our Python app aren't the only

ones available in Docker. But they are the ones you'll often encounter when working with

Dockerfiles.

#7 Create a .dockerignore file Before we go ahead and build our Docker image, we need to

take care of one last thing. Remember the following COPY directive?

COPY . /app

This line instructs Docker to copy everything from our current directory to the app directory

inside the container, which includes the Dockerfile itself. But, the Dockerfile isn't required for

our app to work—it's just for us to create the Docker image. So, we need to ensure that the

Dockerfile doesn't get copied to the app directory in the container. Here's how we do it: Create

a new file called .dockerignore in the same directory as your Dockerfile. This file works much

like a .gitignore file if you're familiar with Git. Then, add the word Dockerfile to this file. This

tells Docker to ignore the Dockerfile when copying files into the container. Now that we've

prepared everything, it's time to build our Docker image, run a container from this image, and

test our application to see if everything works as expected.

**Building and running the Docker Image** 

Open a terminal and navigate to the directory where your Dockerfile is located. Now, run the

following command to create an image named sample-flask-app:v1 (you can name the image

anything you prefer):

\$ docker build . -t sample-flask-app:v1

In the command above, the dot (.) after the build command indicates that the current directory

is the build context. We're using the -t flag to tag the Docker image with the name sampleflask-

app and version v1. After running this command, you'll see an output similar to this:

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$ docker build . -t sample-flask-app:v1
[+] Building 17.7s (10/10) FINISHED docker:default
 => [internal] load build definition from Do 0.0s
 => => transferring dockerfile: 192B
 => [internal] load metadata for docker.io/l 3.5s
 => [auth] library/python:pull token for reg 0.0s
 => [internal] load .dockerignore
                                             0.05
 => => transferring context: 50B
 => [1/4] FROM docker.io/library/python:3.11 9.0s
 => => resolve docker.io/library/python:3.11 0.0s
 => => sha256:1103112ebfc46e 3.51MB / 3.51MB 1.9s
 => => sha256:b4b80ef7128d 12.87MB / 12.87MB 2.7s
 => => sha256:a2eb07f336e4f1 1.65kB / 1.65kB 0.0s
 => => sha256:15646a3fa12dde 6.93kB / 6.93kB 0.0s
 => => sha256:8a1e25ce7c4f 29.12MB / 29.12MB 4.8s
 => => sha256:cc7f04ac52f8a3bad5 243B / 243B 2.4s
 => => sha256:87b8bf94a2ace2 3.41MB / 3.41MB 3.3s
 => => extracting sha256:8a1e25ce7c4f75e372e 1.8s
 => => extracting sha256:1103112ebfc46e01c0f 0.2s
 => => extracting sha256:b4b80ef7128dc9bd114 1.0s
 => => extracting sha256:cc7f04ac52f8a3bad5b 0.0s
 => => extracting sha256:87b8bf94a2ace2b005d 0.7s
                                             0.05
 => => transferring context: 1948
                                             0.05
 => [2/4] WORKDIR /app
                                             0.25
 => [4/4] COPY . /app
                                             0.08
 => exporting to image
                                             0.25
 => => exporting layers
 => => writing image sha256:c6879156c7750c89 0.0s
 => => naming to docker.io/library/sample-fl 0.0s
What's Next?
 View a summary of image vulnerabilities and recommendations → docker scout quickview
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To make sure the image sample-flask-app:v1 has been successfully created, run the following command to check the list of Docker images on your system:

\$ docker image 1s

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#### The resulting output should look something like this:

<pre>\$ docker image 1s</pre>				
REPOSITORY	TAG	IMAGE ID	CREATED	SIZE
sample-flask-app	<b>v1</b>	c6879156c775	10 seconds ago	147MB
mongo	latest	24041ceefc56	6 days ago	755MB

In the list, you should see sample-flask-app:v1, which confirms the image is now in our system. Now, run the sample-flask-app:v1 image as a container by executing the following command:

### \$ docker container run -d -p 5000:5000 sample-flask-app:v1

The -d flag is short for --detach and runs the container in the background. The -p flag is short for --publish and maps port 5000 of the host to port 5000 of the Docker container. After running this command, you'll see an output like this:

```
$ docker container run -d -p 5000:5000 sample-flask-app:v1
ff37071dd4cef95cc1dc2ce7e145019339cfaec54575659f72aea4e560238f8c
```

The long string you see printed in the terminal is the container ID. To make sure the container is running, list the currently active Docker containers by running the following command:

## \$ docker container ls

You should see something like this:

```
$ docker container ls

CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES

c301c50152ac sample-flask-app:v1 "flask run --host=0..." 14 seconds ago Up 12 seconds 0.0.0.0:5000->5000/tcp xenodochial_mendel
```

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The container is up and running as expected. Our Flask application is now running inside the container. To test it, open a web browser and go to http://localhost:5000. You should see the message Hello, World! displayed like this:



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₩ ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218: ~
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~$ systemctl status docker
 docker.service - Docker Application Container Engine
Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/docker.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
     Active: active (running) since Mon 2023-04-10 19:46:05 UTC; 18min ago
TriggeredBy: • docker.socket
      Docs: https://docs.docker.com
  Main PID: 684 (dockerd)
     Tasks: 12
     Memory: 141.2M
       CPU: 3.736s
    CGroup: /system.slice/docker.service

-684 /usr/bin/dockerd -H fd:// --containerd=/run/containerd/containerd.sock
Apr 10 19:46:01 ip-172-31-40-218 dockerd[684]: time="2023-04-10T19:46:01.899794323Z" level=info msg="ccResolverWrapper: se
Apr 10 19:46:01 ip-172-31-40-218 dockerd[684]: time="2023-04-10T19:46:01.899956895Z" level=info msg="ClientConn switching
Apr 10 19:46:02 ip-172-31-40-218 dockerd[684]: time="2023-04-10T19:46:02.339992511Z" level=info msg="[graphdriver] using
Apr 10 19:46:03 ip-172-31-40-218 dockerd[684]: time="2023-04-10T19:46:03.665306795Z" level=info msg="Loading containers:
Apr 10 19:46:04 ip-172-31-40-218 dockerd[684]: time="2023-04-10T19:46:04.873139021Z" level=info msg="Default bridge (docke
Apr 10 19:46:05 ip-172-31-40-218 dockerd[684]: time="2023-04-10T19:46:05.081644328Z" level=info msg="Loading containers: d
pr 10 19:46:05 ip-172-31-40-218 dockerd[684]: time="2023-04-10T19:46:05.543882435Z" level=info msg="Docker daemon" commit
pr 10 19:46:05 ip-172-31-40-218 dockerd[684]: time="2023-04-10T19:46:05.547797680Z" level=info msg="Daemon has completed
Apr 10 19:46:05 ip-172-31-40-218 systemd[1]: Started Docker Application Container Engine.
Apr 10 19:46:05 ip-172-31-40-218 dockerd[684]: time="2023-04-10T19:46:05.743749833Z" level=info msg="API listen on /run/do
lines 1-22/22 (END)
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS
                                                         PORTS
                                                                   NAMES
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~$ docker images
REPOSITORY TAG IMAGE ID CREATED SIZE
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~$
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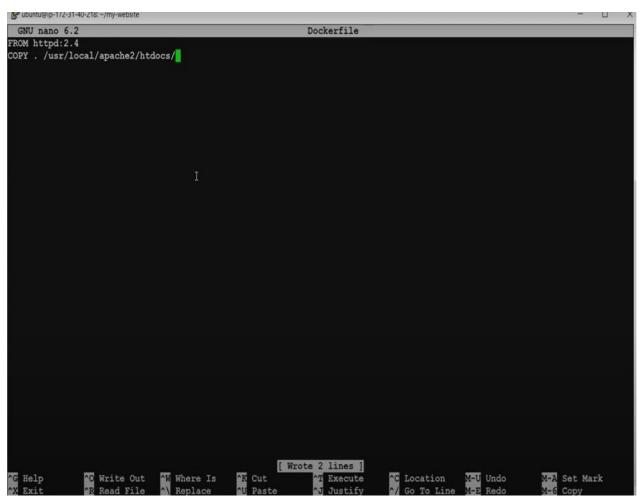
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ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~$ pwd
/home/ubuntu
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~$ mkdir my-website
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~$ cd my-website/
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ wget https://www.free-css.com/assets/files/free-css-templates/download/page290/wave-c
afe.zip
--2023-04-10 20:06:14-- https://www.free-css.com/assets/files/free-css-templates/download/page290/wave-cafe.zip
Resolving www.free-css.com (www.free-css.com)... 217.160.0.242, 2001:8d8:100f:f000::28f
Connecting to www.free-css.com (www.free-css.com) |217.160.0.242|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 11896390 (11M) [application/zip]
Saving to: 'wave-cafe.zip'
                              100%[=========
wave-cafe.zip
2023-04-10 20:06:17 (6.08 MB/s) - 'wave-cafe.zip' saved [11896390/11896390]
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ ls
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ unzip wave-cafe.zip
```

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- 0 X
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218: ~/my-website
  inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/fontawesome/webfonts/fa-regular-400.ttf
 inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/fontawesome/webfonts/fa-regular-400.woff
 inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/fontawesome/webfonts/fa-regular-400.woff2
  inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/fontawesome/webfonts/fa-solid-900.eot
 inflating: 2121 wave_cafe/fontawesome/webfonts/fa-solid-900.svg
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 inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/fontawesome/webfonts/fa-solid-900.woff2
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inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/about-1.png
 inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/about-2.png
  inflating: 2121 wave cafe/img/hot-americano.png
 inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/hot-cappuccino.png
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/hot-espresso.png
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/hot-latte.png
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 inflating: 2121 wave_cafe/img/smoothie-3.png
inflating: 2121 wave_cafe/img/smoothie-4.png
 inflating: 2121 wave cafe/img/special-01.jpg
 inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/special-02.jpg
inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/img/special-03.jpg
 inflating: 2121 wave cafe/img/special-04.jpg inflating: 2121 wave_cafe/img/special-05.jpg
 inflating: 2121 wave cafe/img/special-06.jpg
 inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/index.html
  creating: 2121_wave_cafe/js/
 inflating: 2121_wave_cafe/js/jquery-3.4.1.min.js
 creating: 2121 wave cafe/video/
inflating: 2121 wave cafe/video/wave-cafe-video-bg.mp4
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
buntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ clear
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ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ ls
2121 wave cafe wave-cafe.zip
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ cd 2121_wave_cafe
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$ ls
css fontawesome img index.html js video
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$ cp -R * ../.
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121 wave cafe$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$ cd ...
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ ls
2121_wave_cafe css fontawesome img index.html js video wave-cafe.zip ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ rm -rf wave-cafe.zip 2121_wave_cafe
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ ls
ess fontawesome img index.html js video
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ nano Dockerfil
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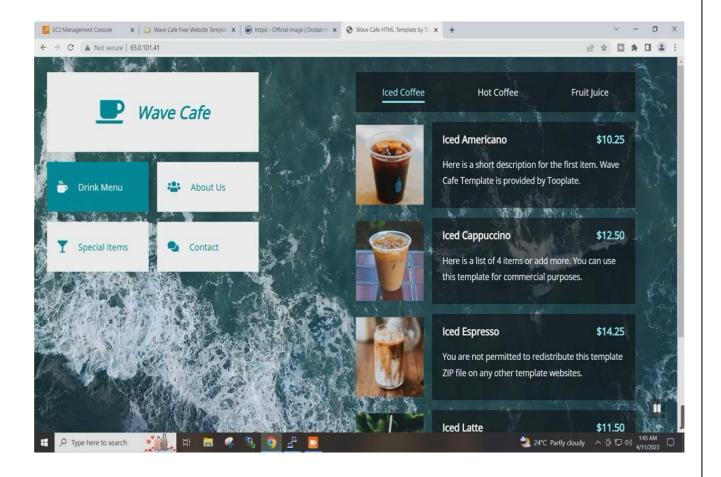


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ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ ls
2121 wave cafe
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ cd 2121_wave_cafe
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$ ls
css fontawesome img index.html js video
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$ cp -R * ../.
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website/2121_wave_cafe$ cd ...
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ ls
                        fontawesome img
                                             index.html js video wave-cafe.zip
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ rm -rf wave-cafe.zip 2121_wave_cafe
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ ls
css fontawesome img index.html js video
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ nano Dockerfile
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ ls
Dockerfile css fontawesome img index.html js video
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ docker build . -t my-website:latest
Sending build context to Docker daemon 13.61MB
Step 1/2 : FROM httpd:2.4
2.4: Pulling from library/httpd
f1f26f570256: Pull complete
a6b093ae1967: Pull complete
6b400bbb27df: Pull complete
6e310dd059b6: Pull complete
471cb5914961: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:4055b18d92fd006f74d4a2aac172a371dc9a750eaa78000756dee55a9beb4625
Status: Downloaded newer image for httpd:2.4
 ---> dc1a95e13784
Step 2/2 : COPY . /usr/local/apache2/htdocs/
 ---> 7d48427f5e2f
Successfully built 7d48427f5e2f
Successfully tagged my-website:latest
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ cleaR
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# ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218: ~/my-website
buntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ docker images
REPOSITORY TAG
my-website latest
                     IMAGE ID
                       IMAGE ID CREATED
7d48427f5e2f 15 seconds ago
                                                         159MB
                       dc1a95e13784 4 days ago
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ docker run -d -p 80:80 my-website:latest
0a6d7f3ab6718a1b648d9b5f00dcc89e846d1fe12bd568ce9b1412fc0d3c9da
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID
                                                         CREATED
                                                                          STATUS
e0a6d7f3ab67 my-website:latest "httpd-foreground" 8 seconds ago Up 7 seconds 0.0.0.0:80->80/tcp, :::80->80/tcp
trusting_rosalind
ubuntu@ip-172-31-40-218:~/my-website$
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<u>Conclusion</u>: Thus, we have successfully learnt Dockerfile instructions & build an image for a sample web application using DOCKERFILE.