

Lab Exercise 4- Building a Docker Image for an HTML App Using Nginx

1. Setup

You will need:

- Docker installed on your machine.
- A simple HTML file for the app.

2. Step 1: Create the HTML File

Create a directory for your HTML app and place an index.html file in it.

```
mkdir nginx-html-app
```

```
cd nginx-html-app
```

Inside the nginx-html-app directory, create the HTML file.

```
touch index.html
```

```
Devanshi@DevanshiJain MINGW64 ~/Desktop (master)
$ mkdir nginx-html-app

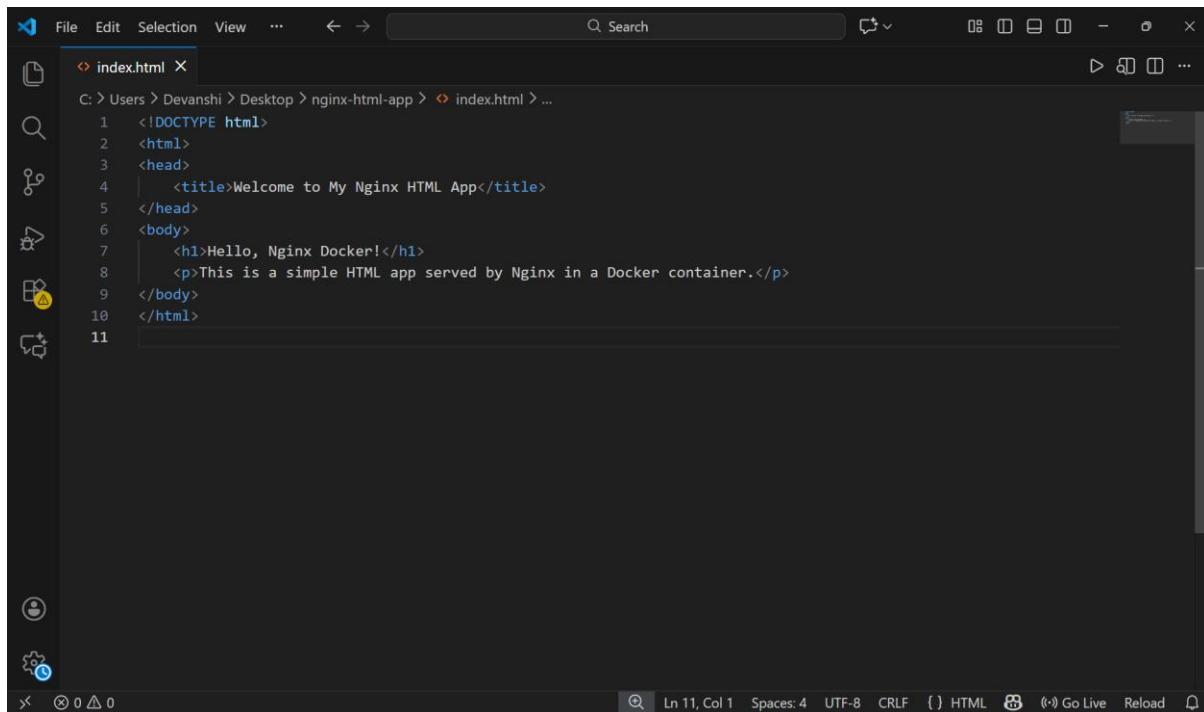
Devanshi@DevanshiJain MINGW64 ~/Desktop (master)
$ cd nginx-html-app

Devanshi@DevanshiJain MINGW64 ~/Desktop/nginx-html-app (master)
$ touch index.html
```

Edit the index.html file with the following content (or any custom HTML content you want):

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <title>Welcome to My Nginx HTML App</title>
</head>
<body>
    <h1>Hello, Nginx Docker!</h1>
    <p>This is a simple HTML app served by Nginx in a Docker container.</p>
```

```
</body>
</html>
```



The screenshot shows a code editor window with a dark theme. The left sidebar has icons for file operations like Open, Save, Find, and Refresh. The main area displays the content of an `index.html` file. The code is as follows:

```
C: > Users > Devanshi > Desktop > nginx-html-app > index.html > ...
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3  <head>
4  |   <title>Welcome to My Nginx HTML App</title>
5  |</head>
6  |<body>
7  |   <h1>Hello, Nginx Docker!</h1>
8  |   <p>This is a simple HTML app served by Nginx in a Docker container.</p>
9  |</body>
10 |</html>
11
```

The status bar at the bottom shows the file path as `C: > Users > Devanshi > Desktop > nginx-html-app > index.html > ...`, line 11, column 1, with settings for spaces: 4, UTF-8, CRLF, and HTML.

3. Step 2: Create a Dockerfile

In the same directory, create a Dockerfile. This file will define how to build the Docker image using Nginx as the base image.

```
touch Dockerfile
```

```
Devanshi@DevanshiJain MINGW64 ~/Desktop/nginx-html-app (master)
$ touch Dockerfile
```

Edit the Dockerfile and add the following content:

```
FROM nginx:latest
COPY index.html /usr/share/nginx/html/
EXPOSE 80
```

4. Step 3: Build the Docker Image

Now that you have the Dockerfile and `index.html`, it's time to build the Docker image.

Run the following command to build the image, giving it a tag (e.g., nginx-html-app):

```
docker build -t nginx-html-app .
```

```
Devanshi@DevanshiJain MINGW64 ~/Desktop/nginx-html-app (master)
$ docker build -t nginx-html-app .
[+] Building 0.9s (7/7) FINISHED                                            docker:desktop-linux
=> [internal] load build definition from Dockerfile                      0.0s
=> => transferring dockerfile: 107B                                         0.0s
=> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/nginx:latest           0.1s
=> [internal] load .dockerrcignore                                       0.0s
=> => transferring context: 2B                                           0.0s
=> [internal] load build context                                         0.0s
=> => transferring context: 268B                                         0.0s
=> [1/2] FROM docker.io/library/nginx:latest@sha256:c881927c4077710ac4b1 0.2s
=> => resolve docker.io/library/nginx:latest@sha256:c881927c4077710ac4b1 0.0s
=> [2/2] COPY index.html /usr/share/nginx/html/                           0.0s
=> exporting to image                                                 0.3s
=> => exporting layers                                              0.1s
=> => exporting manifest sha256:b6749f3ad06f704a40479350ac063e8a409c6bbe 0.0s
=> => exporting config sha256:589e122d6d62d7135f66e315c85df585a52abc6b46 0.0s
=> => exporting attestation manifest sha256:7fdbd3900311f1608ce03543eed02 0.0s
=> => exporting manifest list sha256:5e84d56148aa9ac15f3bce3e8fffb6f6e50f 0.0s
=> => naming to docker.io/library/nginx-html-app:latest                  0.0s
=> => unpacking to docker.io/library/nginx-html-app:latest                0.1s

View build details: docker-desktop://dashboard/build/desktop-linux/desktop-linux
/343x9w5u8tfhbk6zrsposuwo
```

Docker will use the Nginx base image, copy your index.html into the appropriate directory, and build the image.

5. Step 4: Run the Docker Container

After building the image, you can run the container with the following command:

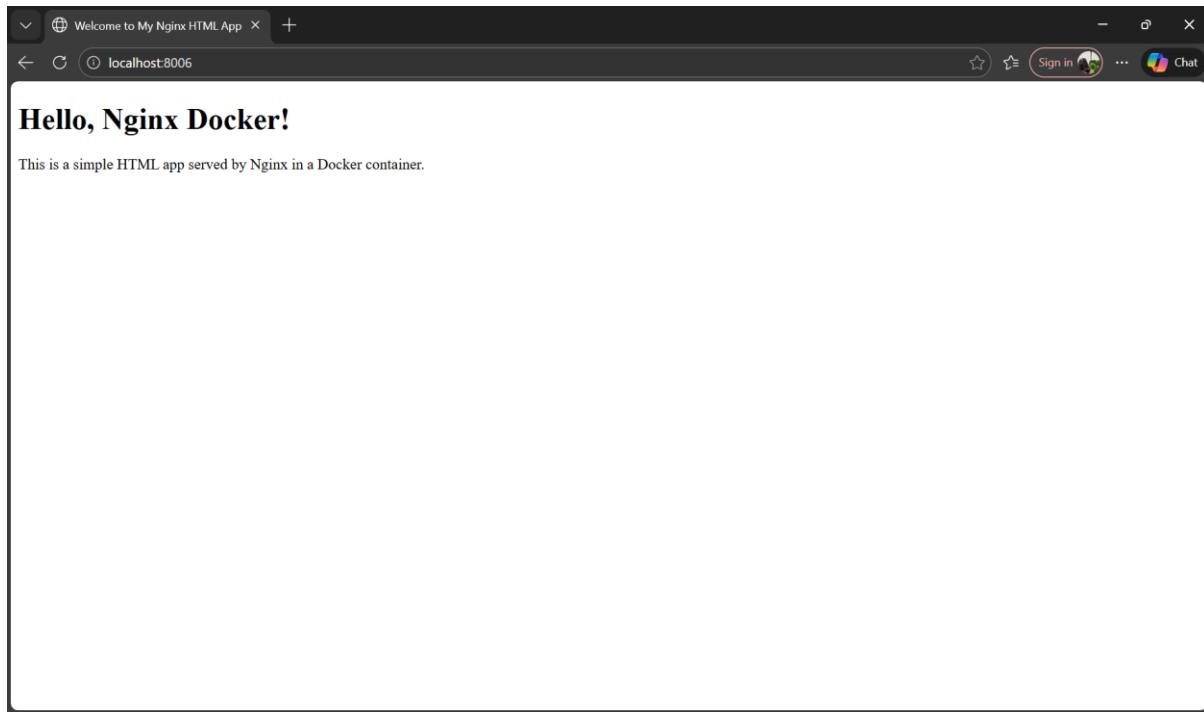
```
docker run -d -p 8006:80 nginx-html-app
```

```
Devanshi@DevanshiJain MINGW64 ~/Desktop/nginx-html-app (master)
$ docker run -d -p 8006:80 nginx-html-app
b70bb73dca2c57bfcd9e23a9bad1564cde2059ac660aa01643fb4581717282d9
```

This command runs the container in detached mode (-d) and maps port 8006 on your host machine to port 80 inside the container, where Nginx is serving your HTML app.

6. Step 5: Verify

Open a browser and go to <http://localhost:8006>. You should see your HTML page with the message “Hello, Nginx Docker!”.



7. Step 6: Stop and Remove the Container

Once you're done, you can stop and remove the container:

```
docker ps # to see running containers
```

```
docker stop <container-id>
```

```
docker rm <container-id>
```

```
Devanshi@DevanshiJain MINGW64 ~/Desktop/nginx-html-app (master)
$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS
PORTS NAMES
b70bb73dca2c nginx-html-app "/docker-entrypoint..." 4 minutes ago Up 4 minutes
0.0.0.0:8006->80/tcp, [::]:8006->80/tcp vibrant_shirley

Devanshi@DevanshiJain MINGW64 ~/Desktop/nginx-html-app (master)
$ docker stop b70bb73dca2c
b70bb73dca2c

Devanshi@DevanshiJain MINGW64 ~/Desktop/nginx-html-app (master)
$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS
PORTS NAMES

Devanshi@DevanshiJain MINGW64 ~/Desktop/nginx-html-app (master)
$ docker rm b70bb73dca2c
b70bb73dca2c

Devanshi@DevanshiJain MINGW64 ~/Desktop/nginx-html-app (master)
$ docker ps -a
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES
268bcc1cf464 hello-world "/hello" 2 months ago Exited (0) 2 months ago
nervous_ride
```