

# How to create a bot that publishes the daily top post of a subreddit to a Discord channel (Docker).

1 - Create a new Dockerfile in your project directory:

```
FROM python:3.9-slim-buster

WORKDIR /app

COPY requirements.txt .

RUN pip install --no-cache-dir -r requirements.txt

COPY . .

CMD [ "python", "bot.py" ]
```

This Dockerfile uses the official Python 3.9 image as a base, sets the working directory to `/app`, copies the `requirements.txt` file, installs the required packages, copies the rest of the files in the directory, and runs the `bot.py` script when the container starts.

2 - Create a `docker-compose.yml` file in your project directory:

```
version: '3'
```

```
services:
  bot:
    build: .
    environment:
      - DISCORD_TOKEN=<your-bot-token>
      - REDDIT_CLIENT_ID=<your-reddit-client-id>
      - REDDIT_CLIENT_SECRET=<your-reddit-client-secret>
      - REDDIT_USER_AGENT=<your-reddit-user-agent>
      - DISCORD_SERVER_ID=<your-discord-server-id>
      - DISCORD_CHANNEL_ID=<your-discord-channel-id>
      - SUBREDDIT=<your-subreddit-name>
    restart: always
```

This `docker-compose.yml` file defines a service named `bot` that builds the Docker image from the current directory, sets environment variables for the bot token, Reddit API credentials, Discord server and channel IDs, and subreddit name, and restarts the container if it crashes or stops.

3 - Create a `requirements.txt` file in your project directory with the following contents:

```
discord.py
praw
```

This file specifies the required Python packages for the bot to run.

4 - Modify your `bot.py` script to use environment variables for the bot token, Reddit API credentials, Discord server and channel IDs, and subreddit name, like this:

```
import os
import discord
import praw
import datetime

# Discord bot token
TOKEN = os.environ["DISCORD_TOKEN"]

# Reddit API credentials
REDDIT_CLIENT_ID = os.environ["REDDIT_CLIENT_ID"]
REDDIT_CLIENT_SECRET = os.environ["REDDIT_CLIENT_SECRET"]
```

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REDDIT_USER_AGENT = os.environ["REDDIT_USER_AGENT"]

reddit = praw.Reddit(
    client_id=REDDIT_CLIENT_ID,
    client_secret=REDDIT_CLIENT_SECRET,
    user_agent=REDDIT_USER_AGENT
)

# Subreddit to retrieve top post from
SUBREDDIT = os.environ["SUBREDDIT"]

# Discord server and channel to post to
SERVER_ID = int(os.environ["DISCORD_SERVER_ID"])
CHANNEL_ID = int(os.environ["DISCORD_CHANNEL_ID"])

# Get today's date in the format "MM/DD/YYYY"
today = datetime.datetime.now().strftime("%m/%d/%Y")

# Get the top post of the day from the subreddit
top_post = reddit.subreddit(SUBREDDIT).top(time_filter="day", limit=1).__next__()

# Build the message to post to Discord
message = f"**Top post on r/{SUBREDDIT} for {today}:**\n\n{top_post.title}\n\n{top_post.url}"

# Authenticate the Discord bot using its token
client = discord.Client()

@client.event
async def on_ready():
    # Get the Discord server and channel to post to
    server = client.get_guild(SERVER_ID)
    channel = server.get_channel(CHANNEL_ID)

    # Post the message to the Discord channel
    await channel.send(message)

# Run the Discord bot
client.run(TOKEN)

```

## 5 - Start the Docker

You can then use the `docker build .` command to build a Docker image from the Dockerfile in your work directory.

You would be able to see your docker images by the below command:

```
docker images
```

Without a name, just using the ID:

```
docker run -i -t 8dbd9e392a96 /bin/bash
```

[Creating a discord bot and getting a token.](#)

[How to get client\\_id and client\\_secret.](#)

[Discord Channel ID](#)

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