

# Package ‘shiny2docker’

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**Title** Generate Dockerfiles for 'Shiny' Applications

**Version** 0.0.2

**Description** Automates the creation of Dockerfiles for deploying 'Shiny' applications.

By integrating with 'renv' for dependency management and leveraging Docker-based solutions, it simplifies the process of containerizing 'Shiny' apps, ensuring reproducibility and consistency across different environments.

Additionally, it facilitates the setup of CI/CD pipelines for building Docker images on both GitLab and GitHub.

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set_github_action	<i>Configure GitHub Action pipeline for Docker builds</i>
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**Description**

Copies the `docker-build.yml` file provided by the `shiny2docker` package into the `.github/workflows/` directory within the specified base directory. This GitHub Action configuration is designed to build a Docker image and push the created image to the GitHub Container Registry.

**Usage**

```
set_github_action(path)
```

**Arguments**

path	A character string specifying the base directory where the <code>.github/workflows/</code> folder will be created and the <code>docker-build.yml</code> file copied. If missing, the user will be prompted to use the current directory.
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**Value**

A logical value indicating whether the file was successfully copied (TRUE) or not (FALSE).

**Examples**

```
# Copy the docker-build.yml file to the .github/workflows/ directory in a temporary folder
set_github_action(path = tempdir())
```

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set_gitlab_ci	<i>Configure GitLab CI pipeline for Docker builds</i>
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**Description**

Copies the `.gitlab-ci.yml` file provided by the `shiny2docker` package into the specified directory. The GitLab CI configuration is designed to build a Docker image and push the created image to the GitLab container registry.

**Usage**

```
set_gitlab_ci(path)
```

**Arguments**

path	A character string specifying the directory where the <code>.gitlab-ci.yml</code> file will be copied. If missing, the user will be prompted to use the current directory.
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**Value**

A logical value indicating whether the file was successfully copied (TRUE) or not (FALSE).

**Examples**

```
# Copy the .gitlab-ci.yml file to a temporary directory
set_gitlab_ci(path = tempdir())
```

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**Description**

Generate a Dockerfile for a Shiny Application

**Usage**

```
shiny2docker(
  path = ".",
  lockfile = file.path(path, "renv.lock"),
  output = file.path(path, "Dockerfile"),
  FROM = "rocker/geospatial",
  AS = NULL,
  sysreqs = TRUE,
  repos = c(CRAN = "https://cran.rstudio.com/"),
  expand = FALSE,
  extra_sysreqs = NULL,
  use_pak = FALSE,
  user = NULL,
  dependencies = NA,
  sysreqs_platform = "ubuntu",
  folder_to_exclude = c("renv")
)
```

**Arguments**

path	Character. Path to the folder containing the Shiny application (e.g., app.R or ui.R and server.R) along with any other necessary files.
lockfile	Character. Path to the renv.lock file that specifies the R package dependencies. If the renv.lock file does not exist, it will be created for production using the attachment::create_renv_for_prod function.
output	Character. Path to the generated Dockerfile. Defaults to "Dockerfile".
FROM	Docker image to start FROM Default is FROM rocker/r-base
AS	The AS of the Dockerfile. Default it NULL.
sysreqs	boolean. If TRUE, the Dockerfile will contain sysreq installation.

repos	character. The URL(s) of the repositories to use for <code>options("repos")</code> .
expand	boolean. If TRUE each system requirement will have its own RUN line.
extra_sysreqs	character vector. Extra debian system requirements. Will be installed with <code>apt-get install</code> .
use_pak	boolean. If TRUE use pak to deal with dependencies during <code>renv::restore()</code> . FALSE by default
user	Name of the user to specify in the Dockerfile with the USER instruction. Default is NULL, in which case the user from the FROM image is used.
dependencies	What kinds of dependencies to install. Most commonly one of the following values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NA: only required (hard) dependencies,</li> <li>• TRUE: required dependencies plus optional and development dependencies,</li> <li>• FALSE: do not install any dependencies. (You might end up with a non-working package, and/or the installation might fail.)</li> </ul>
sysreqs_platform	System requirements platform. <code>ubuntu</code> by default. If NULL, then the current platform is used. Can be : <code>"ubuntu-22.04"</code> if needed to fit with the FROM Operating System. Only debian or ubuntu based images are supported
folder_to_exclude	Folder to exclude during scan to detect packages

## Details

Automate the creation of a Dockerfile tailored for deploying Shiny applications. It manages R dependencies using `renv`, generates a `.dockerignore` file to optimize the Docker build process, and leverages the `dockerfiler` package to allow further customization of the Dockerfile object before writing it to disk.

## Value

An object of class `dockerfiler`, representing the generated Dockerfile. This object can be further manipulated using `dockerfiler` functions before being written to disk.

## Examples

```
temp_dir <- tempfile("shiny2docker_example_")
dir.create(temp_dir)
example_app <- system.file("dummy_app", package = "shiny2docker")
file.copy(example_app, temp_dir, recursive = TRUE)

app_path <- file.path(temp_dir, "dummy_app")
if (requireNamespace("rstudioapi", quietly = TRUE) &&
    rstudioapi::isAvailable()) {
  rstudioapi::filesPaneNavigate(app_path)
}

docker_obj <- shiny2docker::shiny2docker(path = app_path)
```

```
print(list.files(app_path,all.files = TRUE,no.. = TRUE))

# Further manipulate the Dockerfile object
docker_obj$add_after(
  cmd = "ENV ENV \'MY_ENV_VAR\'=\'value\'",
  after = 3
)
docker_obj$write(file.path(app_path, "Dockerfile"))
```

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