

Using Intel Quantum SDK on your PC using docker desktop and visual studio code

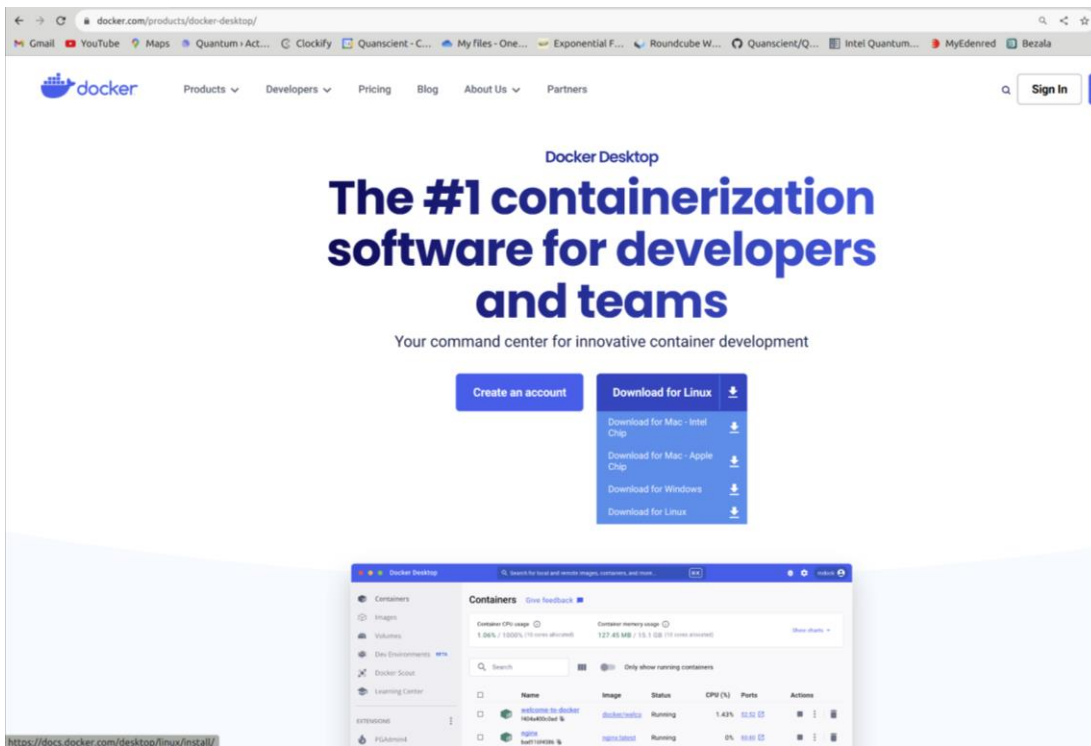
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The following tutorial shows the steps on a Linux Machine. Similar steps can be followed on Windows and Mac.

1) Installing Docker Desktop -

Download the setup for installing the docker desktop from the website -

<https://www.docker.com/products/docker-desktop/> .



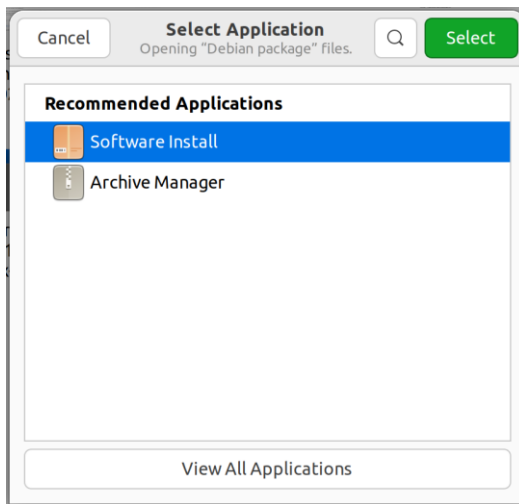
The installation steps for different OS are given here -

<https://docs.docker.com/get-docker/>

For Linux - we have the .deb package.

Installing .deb files - <https://help.ubuntu.com/kubuntu/desktopguide/C/manual-install.html>

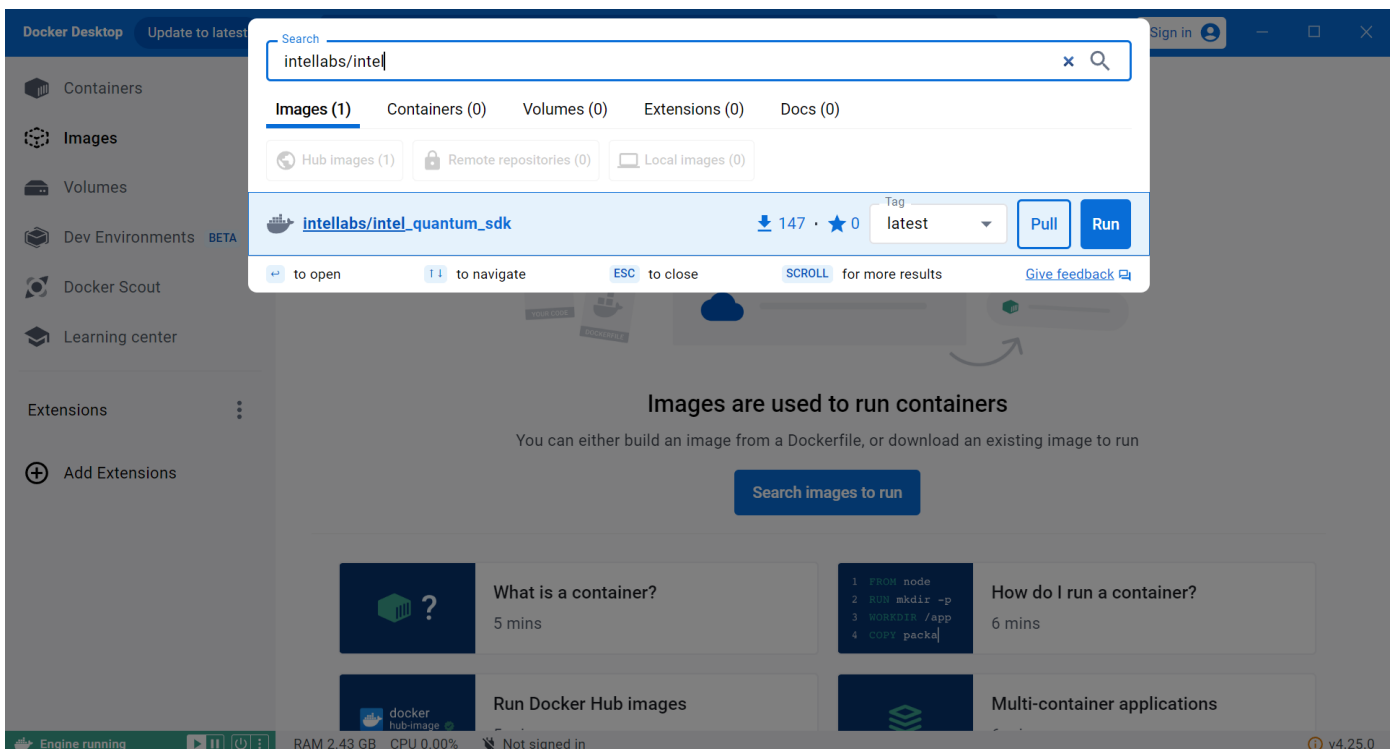
- 1) Right-click and select the software updater



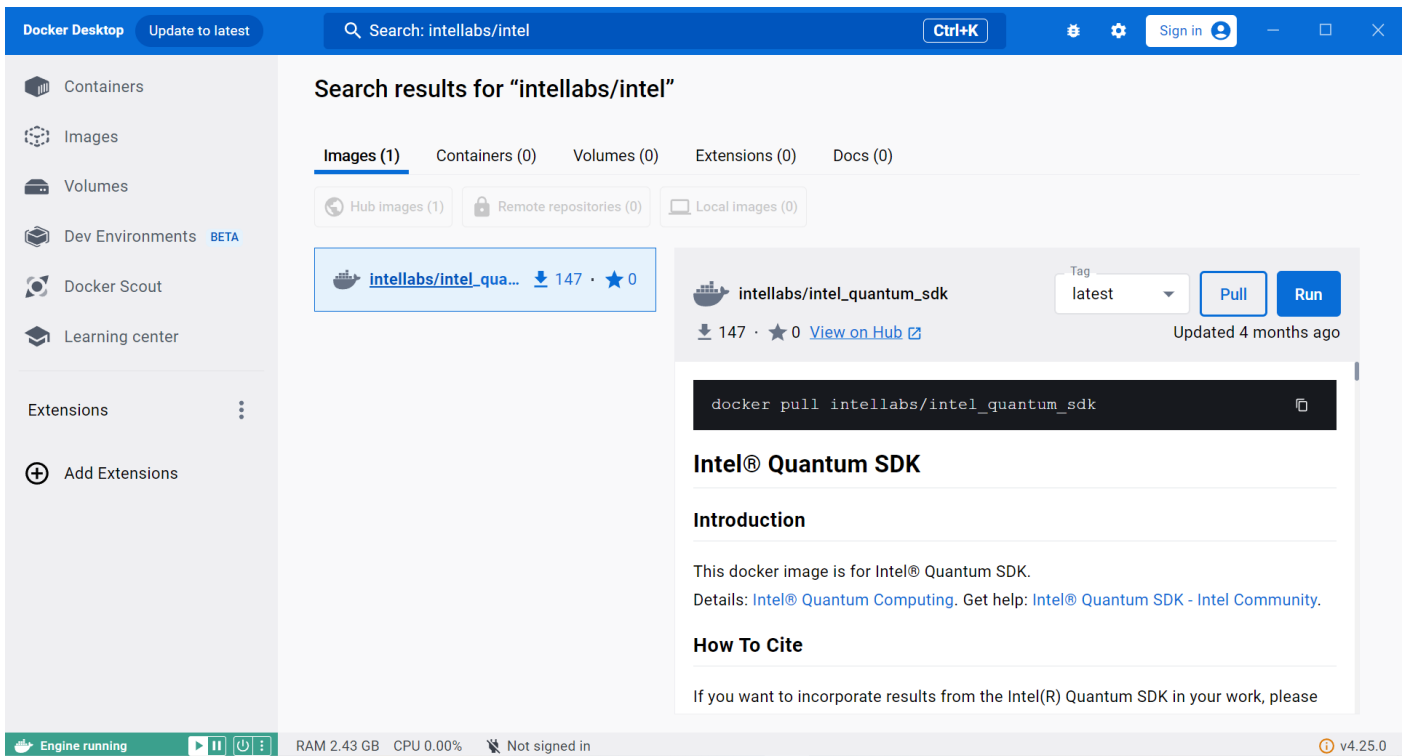
- 2) Open the directory where the docker installation .deb package is located in the terminal and type -
`sudo dpkg -i package_file_name.deb`

Once installed - open the docker desktop app.

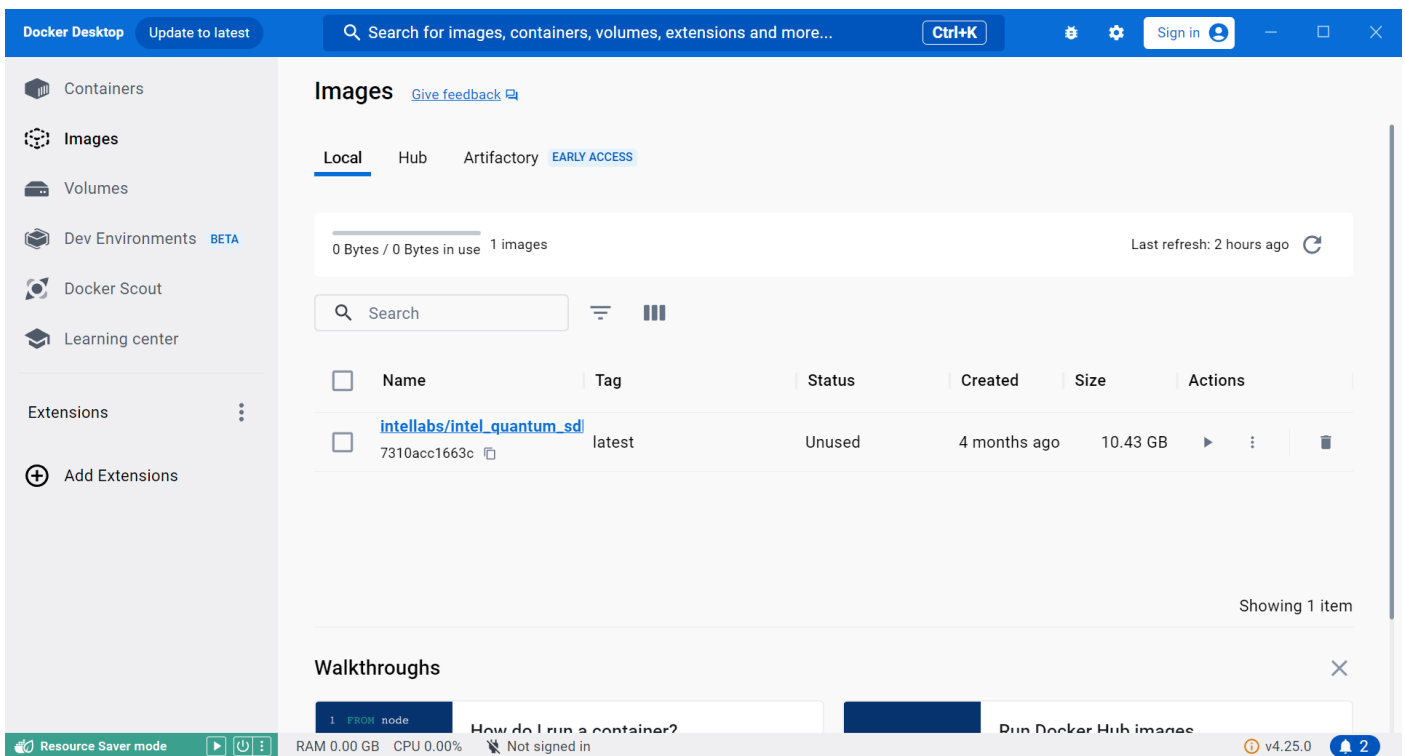
- 2) Retrieving the Intel Quantum SDK docker image -
After opening the docker desktop app search for the intel quantum SDK docker container.
`intellabs/intel_quantum_sdk`



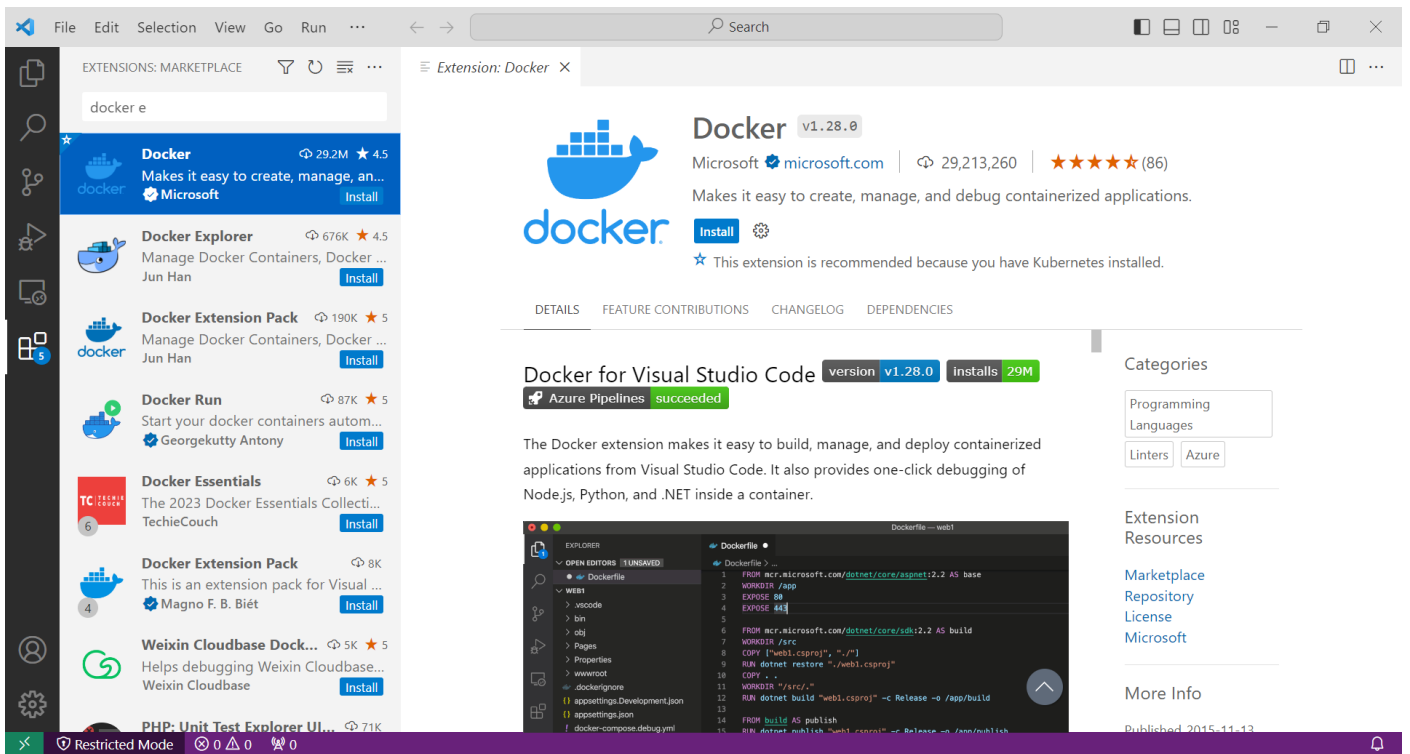
Clicking on the option - `intellabs/intel_quantum_sdk` opens the image for intel quantum SDK as shown below, now we can pull the image to save it locally. Then click pull. It will take some time here.



Then you can see the image in the Local directory for images.



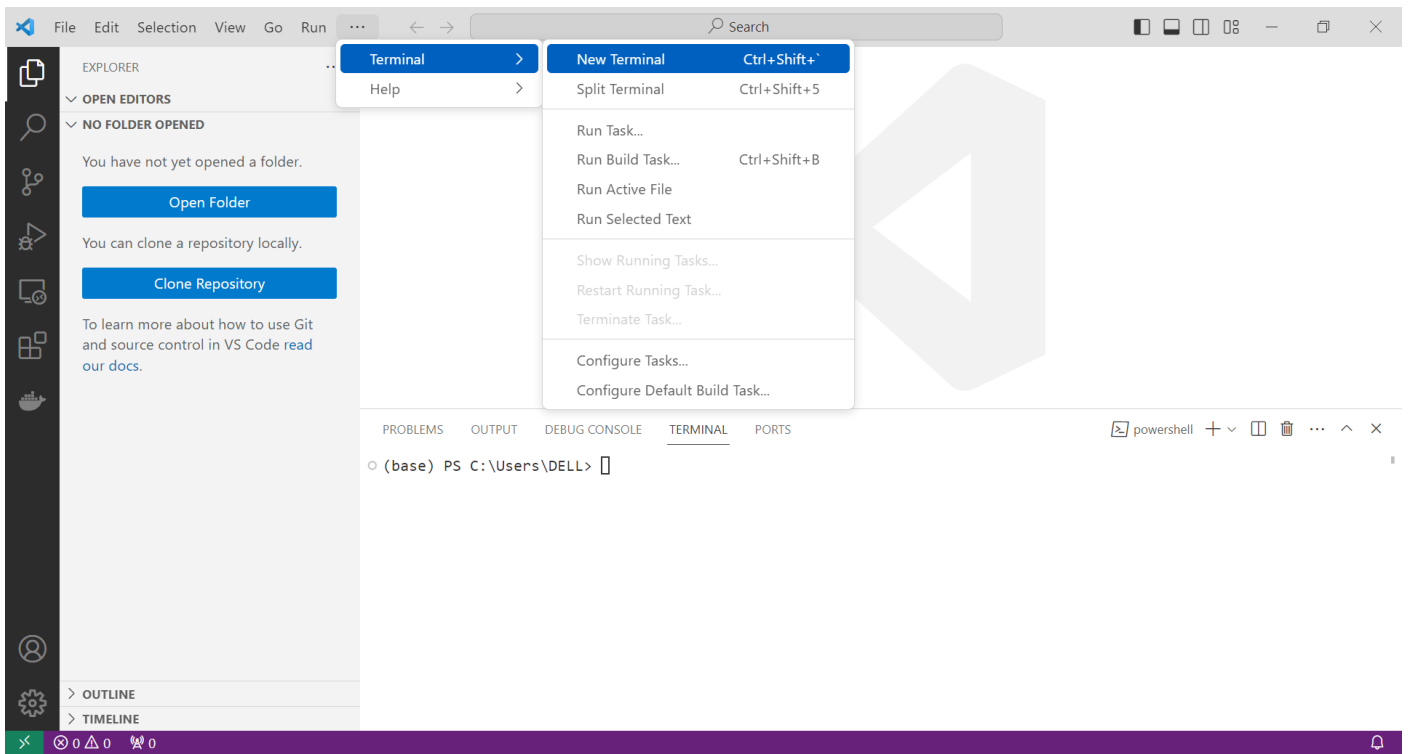
- 3) Installing visual studio code -
Download the setup from the following link to install Visual Studio Code
<https://code.visualstudio.com/download>
- 4) Installing the docker extension -
Search in extensions - for docker and install



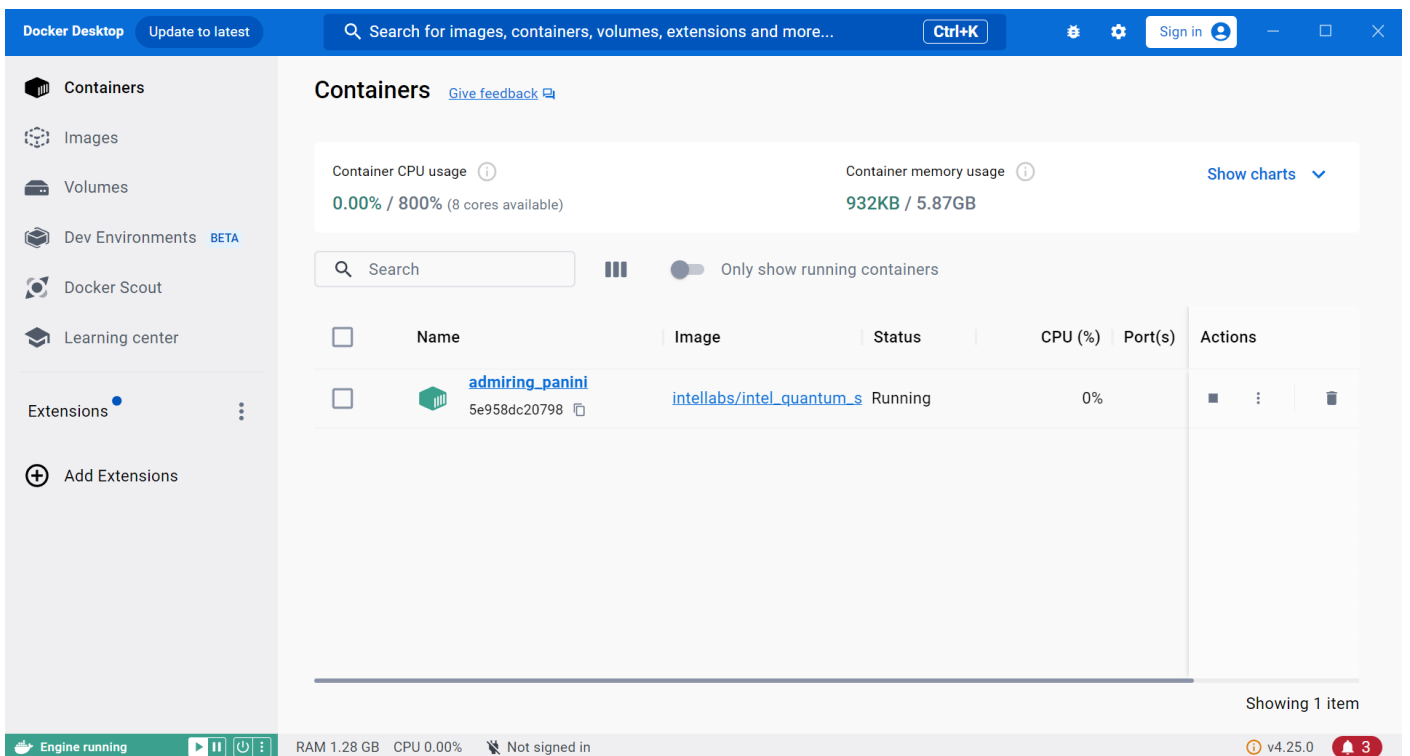
After installing the docker extension, you will see the docker option on the left-hand side as shown in the picture below



Then we need to create a docker container, hence open a terminal in Visual Studio code as shown in the picture below

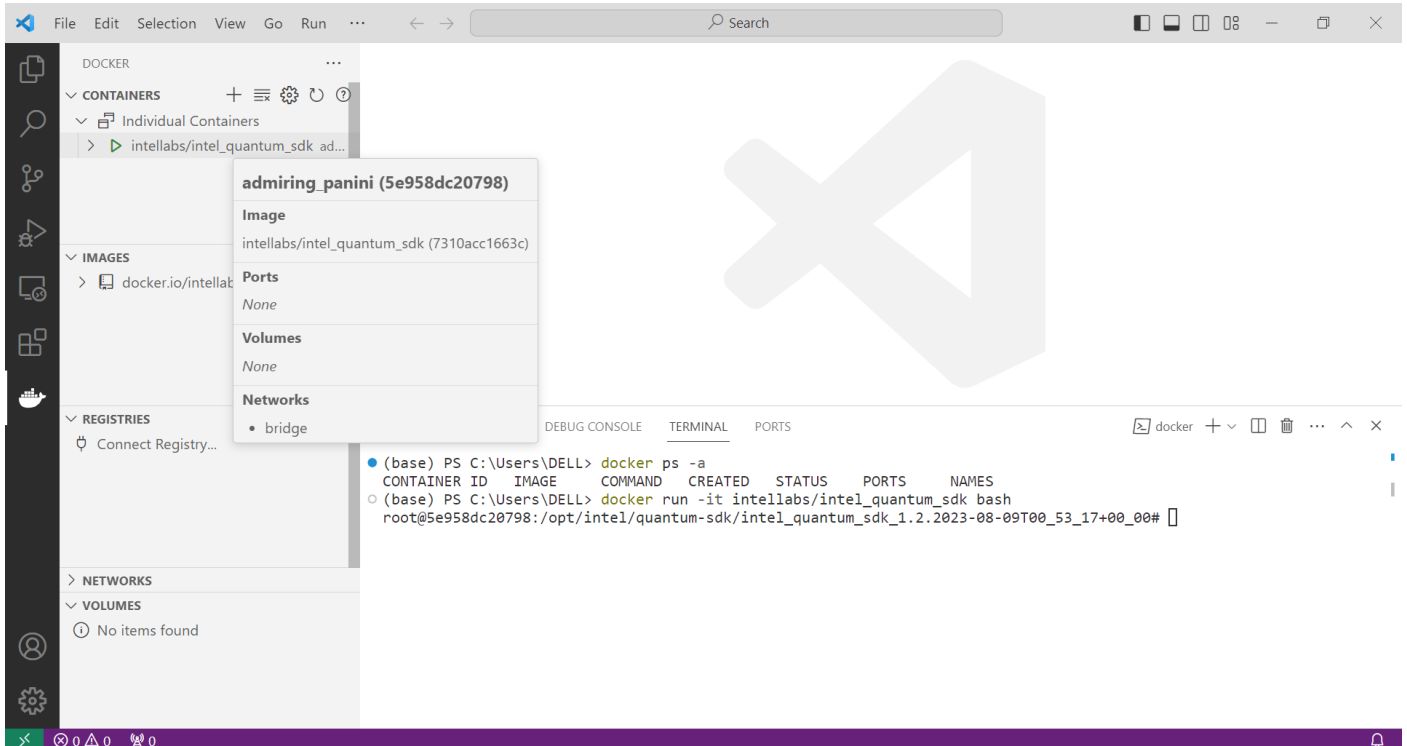


Run the following command to create a docker container, it will create a container with a random name -
docker run -it intellabs/intel_quantum_sdk bash

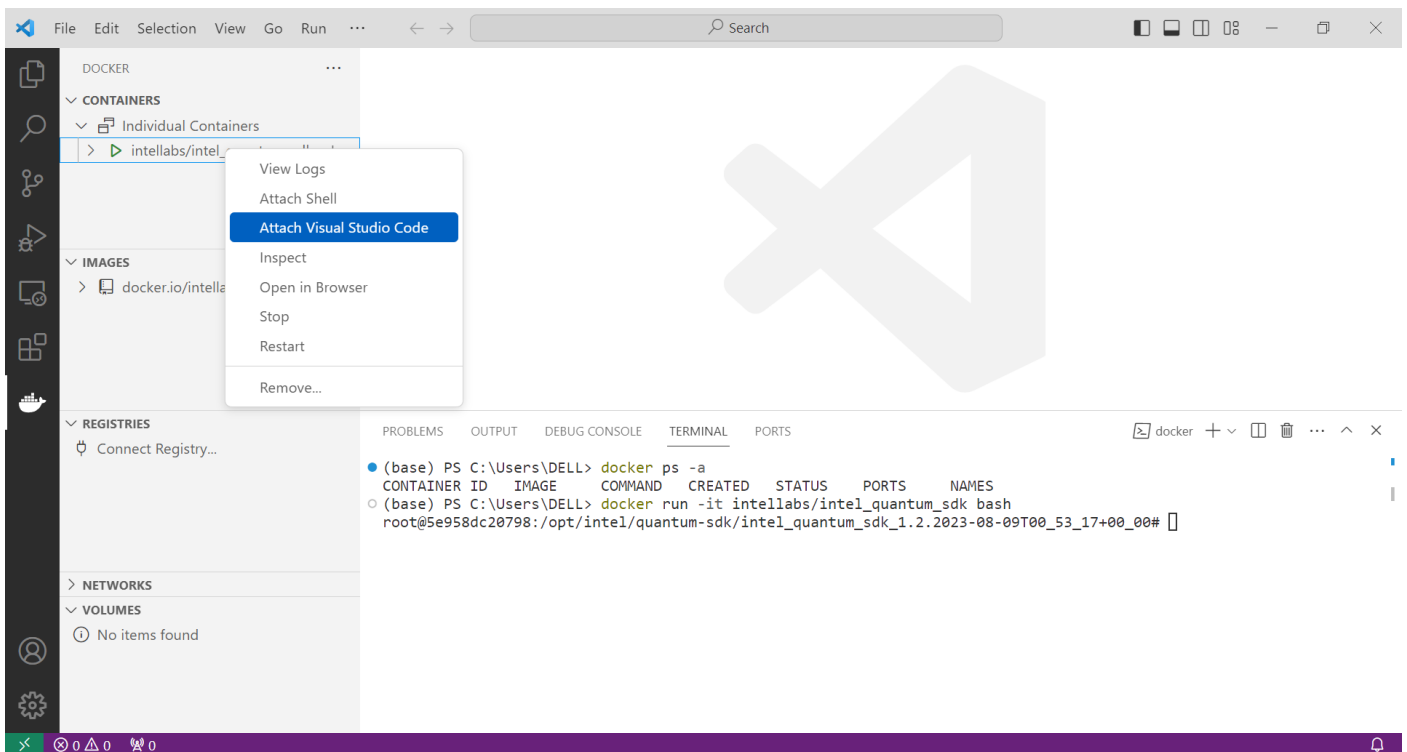


here, admiring_panini is a container created

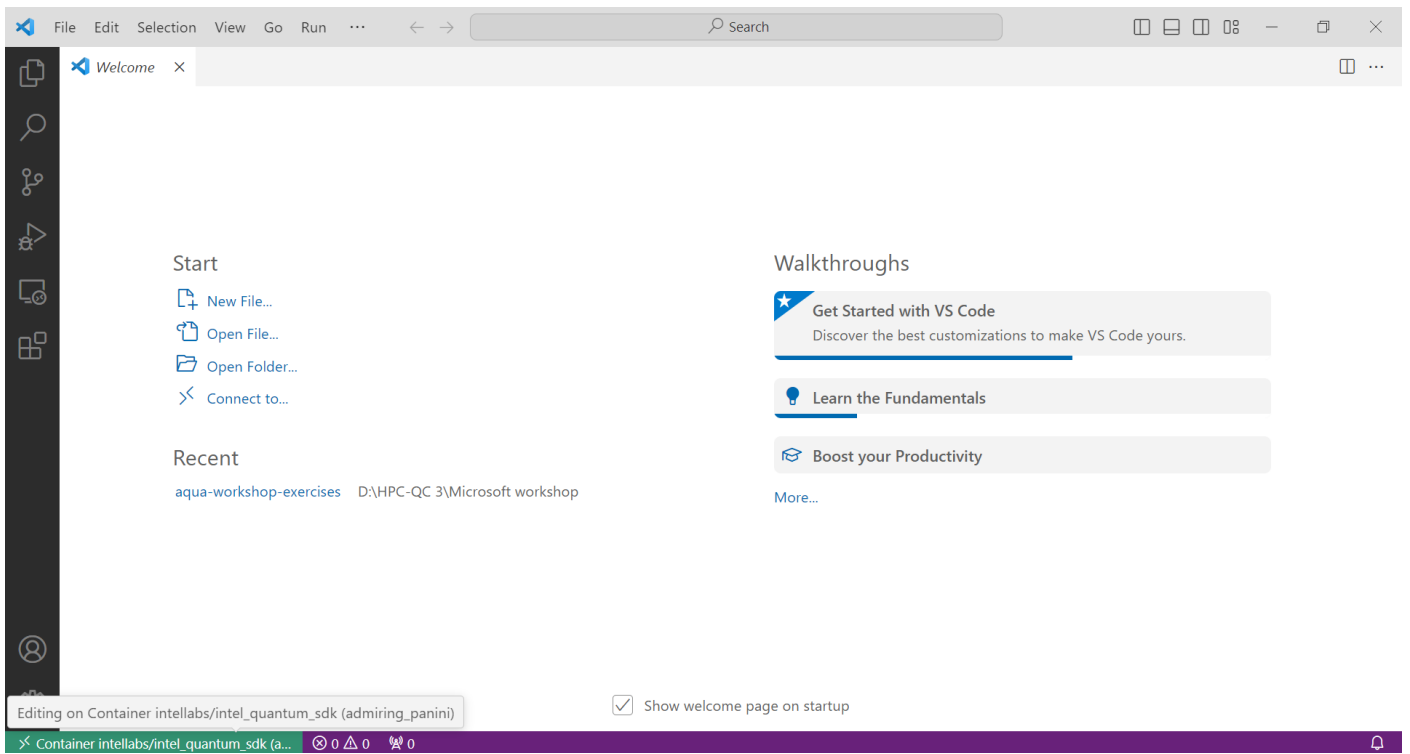
Then open the docker option on the left side of Visual Studio code, and you will see the container we just created. (admiring_panini here)



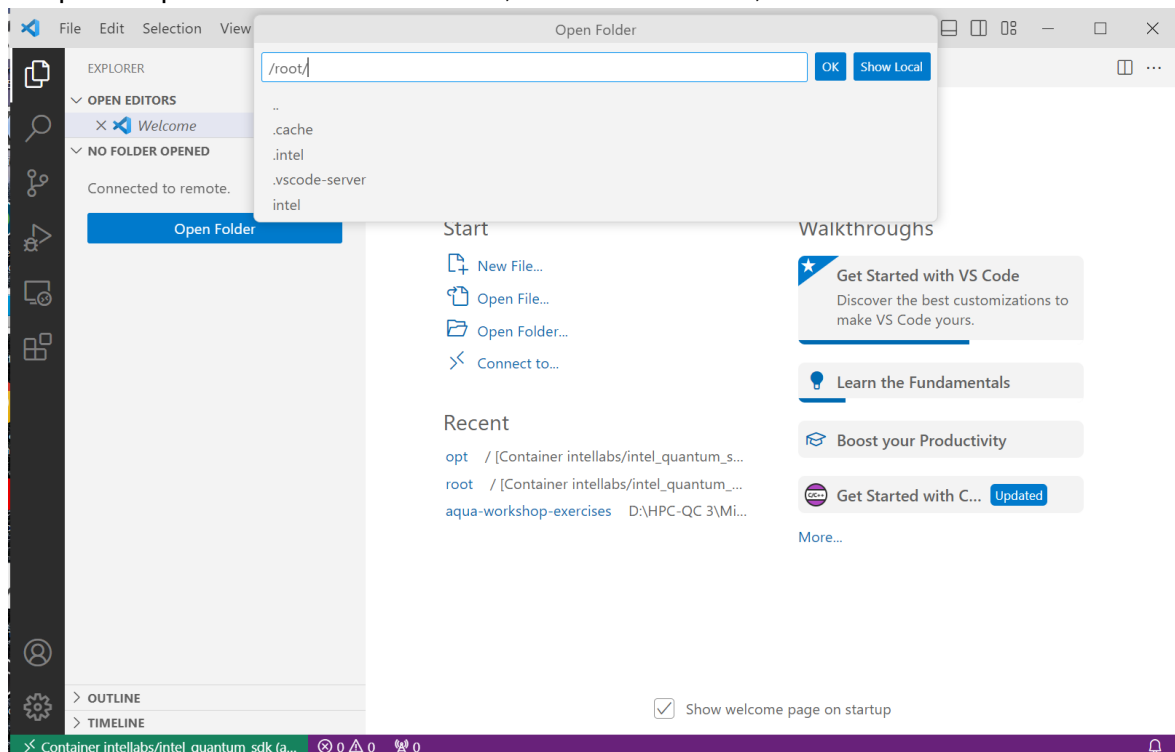
Right-click on the container option and in the drop-down list you will find - Attach Visual Studio code. Click - Attach Visual Studio Code



It will open a new Visual Studio code window and connect to the intel quantum sdk container (admiring_panini) we created. As shown on the bottom left side in the picture below.

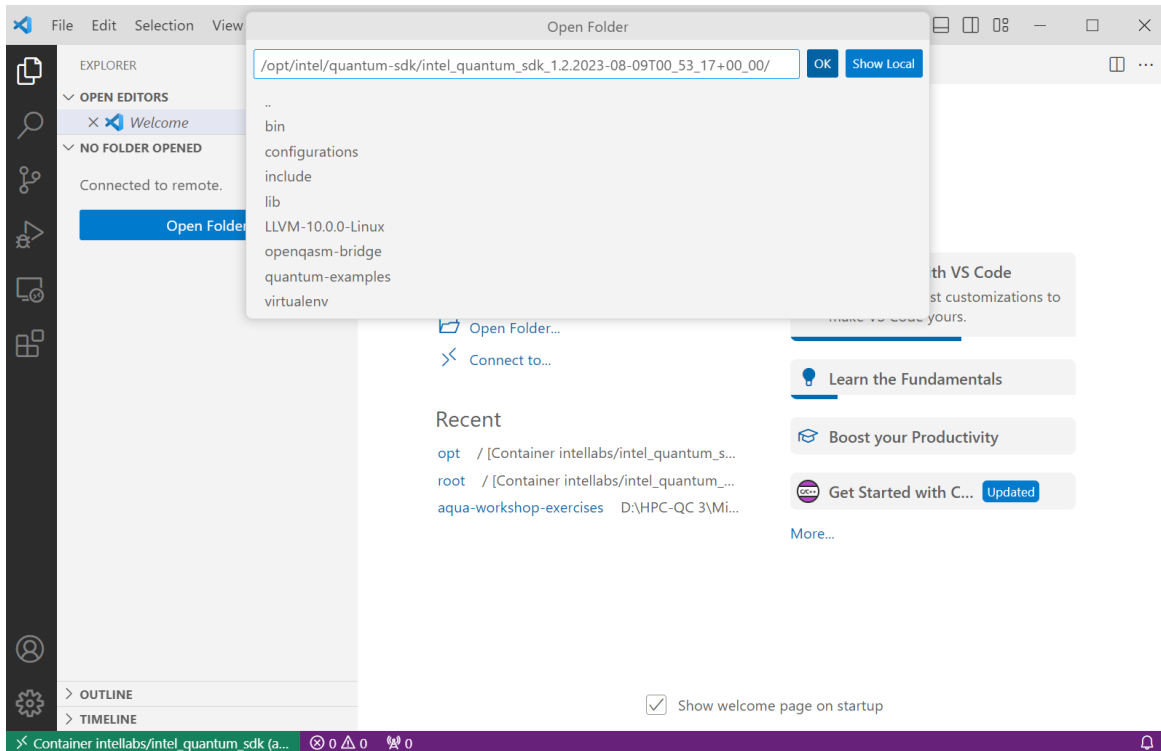


The next step is to open the folder - and at first, it will show - /root/,

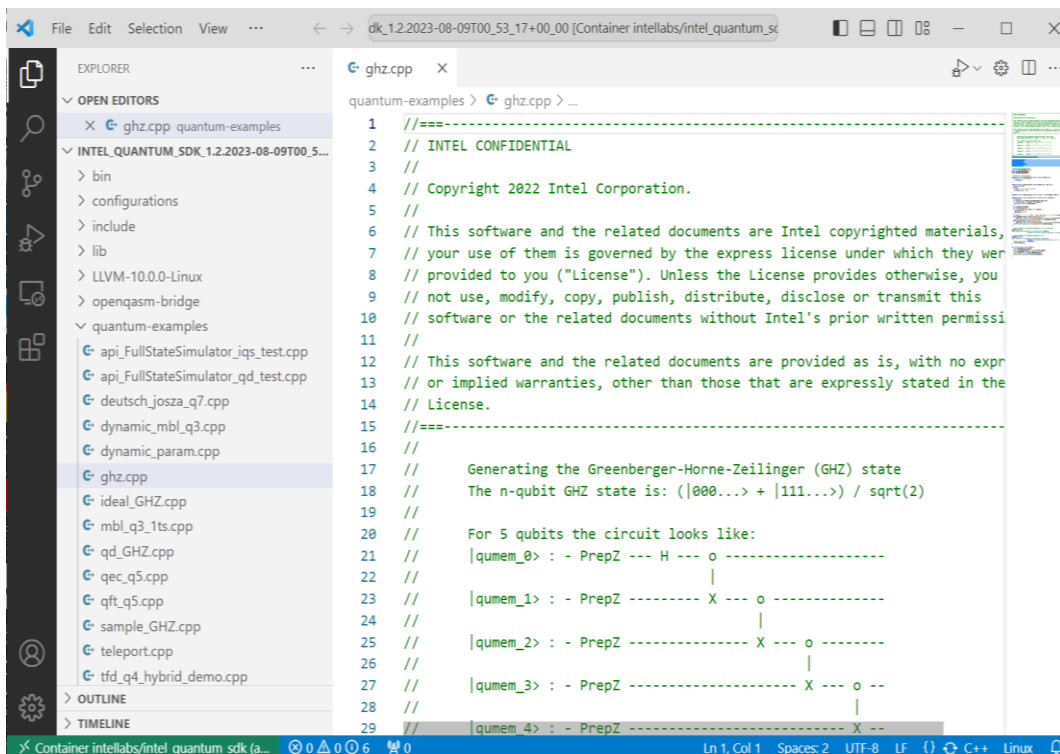


But the location of intel quantum SDK is in the folder - /opt/intel/quantum_sdk

Hence go to the folder as shown in the pictures below. And click OK



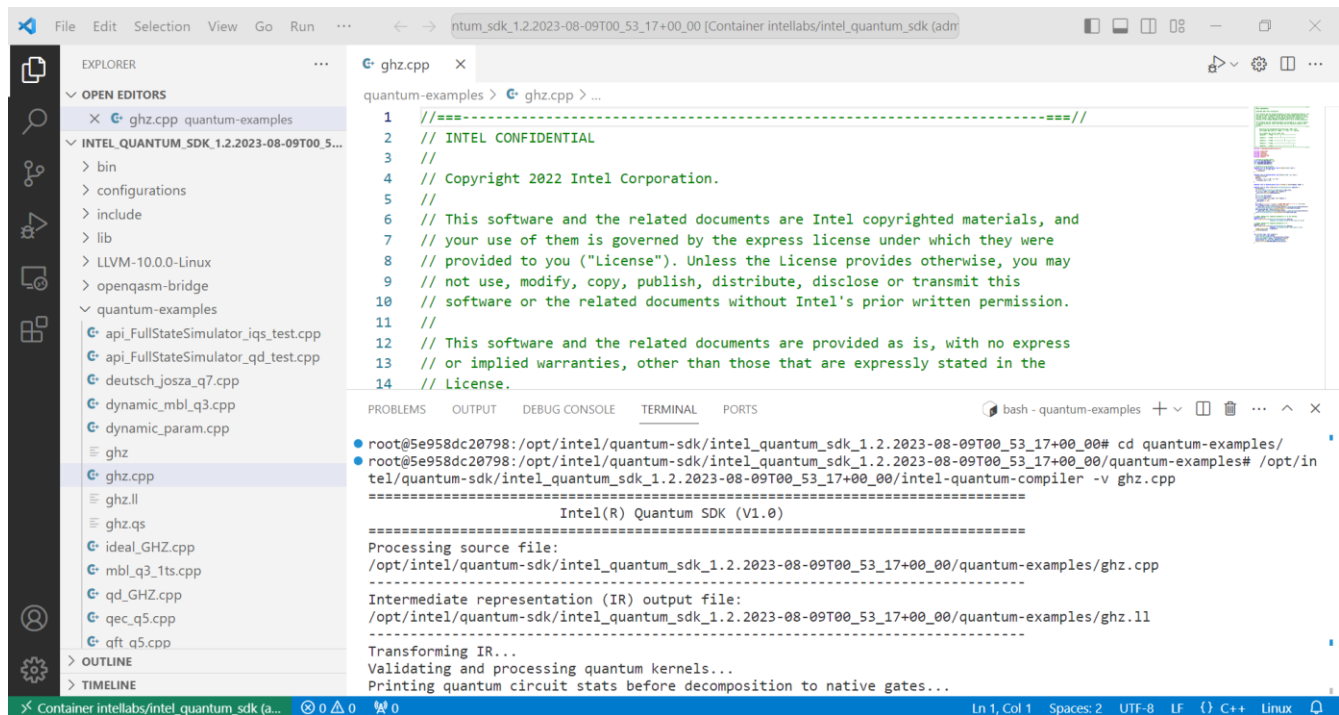
Hence you have reached the intel quantum sdk folder and connected the docker container with Visual Studio code and you can write and compile code in Visual Studio code.



5) Compiling file -

There are a few examples given in the quantum-examples folder, to compile and run the example, open the terminal in VSC and move to the quantum examples folder and execute the following commands - here I am compiling and executing the ghz.cpp example.


```
/opt/intel/quantum-sdk/intel_quantum_sdk_1.2.2023-08-09T00_53_17+00_00/intel-quantum-compiler -v  
ghz.cpp  
./ghz
```



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface. The Explorer panel on the left shows a project structure with folders like 'bin', 'include', 'lib', and 'quantum-examples'. The main editor window displays the file 'ghz.cpp' with the following content:

```
1 //=====  
2 // INTEL CONFIDENTIAL  
3 //  
4 // Copyright 2022 Intel Corporation.  
5 //  
6 // This software and the related documents are Intel copyrighted materials, and  
7 // your use of them is governed by the express license under which they were  
8 // provided to you ("License"). Unless the License provides otherwise, you may  
9 // not use, modify, copy, publish, distribute, disclose or transmit this  
10 // software or the related documents without Intel's prior written permission.  
11 //  
12 // This software and the related documents are provided as is, with no express  
13 // or implied warranties, other than those that are expressly stated in the  
14 // License.
```

The Terminal panel at the bottom shows the execution of the compiler command and its output:

```
root@5e958dc20798:/opt/intel/quantum-sdk/intel_quantum_sdk_1.2.2023-08-09T00_53_17+00_00# cd quantum-examples/  
root@5e958dc20798:/opt/intel/quantum-sdk/intel_quantum_sdk_1.2.2023-08-09T00_53_17+00_00/quantum-examples# /opt/in  
tel/quantum-sdk/intel_quantum_sdk_1.2.2023-08-09T00_53_17+00_00/intel-quantum-compiler -v ghz.cpp  
=====  
Intel(R) Quantum SDK (V1.0)  
=====  
Processing source file:  
/opt/intel/quantum-sdk/intel_quantum_sdk_1.2.2023-08-09T00_53_17+00_00/quantum-examples/ghz.cpp  
-----  
Intermediate representation (IR) output file:  
/opt/intel/quantum-sdk/intel_quantum_sdk_1.2.2023-08-09T00_53_17+00_00/quantum-examples/ghz.ll  
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Transforming IR...  
Validating and processing quantum kernels...  
Printing quantum circuit stats before decomposition to native gates...
```

Hence, now you can create new folders and files write codes and compile and execute programs in VSC.