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Digital Ocean Trouble with Nginx

Hi everyone. I'm trying to setup a mern stack application on a digital ocean droplet. I went with their Mern Droplet option since it comes with everything installed out of the box. I have things like the ufw firewall setup, and for testing I opened a few ports to test. I have cloned my server app and was able to set it up with PM2. It successfully connects to the database and if I hit the port it is on I can view the page.

However the default page remains their "Welcome to your MERN droplet!" With a picture of a shark. I thought that setting up nginx I should hit the default page under /var/www/html (which is a page that says nginx is working) I had followed the Nginx server block guide and was going to point it to other sites, but at this point it isn't even pointing to the default.

But I don't see why it isn't defaulting to var/www/html. The splash screen is located in /home/mern/client but how would I make it redirect to /var/www/html.



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So I had one the one click install mern droplet option digital ocean has:

<https://marketplace.digitalocean.com/apps/mern>.

It comes preconfigured and it has an example mern application. Under /home/mern/ there is a client folder and a server folder.

I have checked nginx configuration and everything there should be pointing to /var/www/html My problem is I can't seem to find what is redirecting it to where they have their sample mern application.

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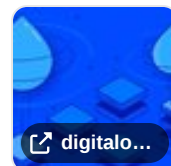
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