Exercise Worksheet

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From the Course:

Understanding Docker Run, Dockerfile, Docker-Compose for Beginners

Running multiple docker containers from the command line step by step

This shows the difference between containers and images. We will create two *containers* (linux1, linux2) based on the same *image* (ubuntu)

docker run -it -d --rm --name linux1 ubuntu /bin/bash

- creates container "linux1"
- additional flags:
 - o -d starts the container as "detached". Use "docker attach" to attach to it later on.
 - --rm cleans up the container after stopping. The container will be removed, basically
 the same as "docker rm container_identifier" after stopping the container. So
 everything is kept tidy.
 - --name will give the container a dedicated name, which makes it easier to address the container later on.

docker run -it -d --rm --name linux2 ubuntu /bin/bash

Creates container "linux2"

Cli1: docker attach linux1

• Attaches to container linux1

Cli1: ls

Lists the file system on linux1

Cli1: mkdir mylinux1

Creates a new directory on container linux1

Cli1: ls

• Shows that "mylinux1" was created

Cli2: docker attach linux2

Attaches to container linux2

Cli2: ls

- Shows that the directory of linux2 is different than linux1, although they are both from the same image "ubuntu"
- They are separated, they don't share their file-system
- The bash process is isolated in the container

Cli2: exit

• This will exit the bash and also remove the container because of the --rm command

Cli2: docker ps -a

• Shows only one container which is running, the other one got removed

Cli1: exit

• Exits the only running container linux1 and deletes the container

docker ps -a

• Shows nothing anymore