Document: Docker Image and Container Creation using EC2 Instance

Step 1: Install Docker on EC2 Instance

For Amazon Linux 2:

- sudo yum update -y
- sudo amazon-linux-extras install docker -y
- sudo service docker start
- sudo usermod -aG docker ec2-user

Logout and login again to apply group changes, or run newgrp docker

For Ubuntu:

- sudo apt update
- sudo apt install docker.io -y
- sudo systemctl start docker
- sudo systemctl enable docker
- sudo usermod -aG docker ubuntu

Step 2: Pull Image from Docker Official Website

Docker Hub (https://hub.docker.com) is the official image repository.

Example: Pulling the official Nginx image:

- docker pull nginx
- You can replace nginx with any official image like httpd, mysql, python, etc.

Step 3: Check Downloaded Images

- docker images
- This will list the local Docker images downloaded from Docker Hub.

Step 4: Create and Run a Container from Image

Run an Nginx container:

- docker run -d -p 8080:80 --name my-nginx nginx
- -d runs container in background (detached mode)
- -p 8080:80 maps EC2 instance's port 8080 to container's port 80
- --name my-nginx names the container

Verify it's running:

• docker ps

Step 5: Access the Application

• Go to your EC2 public IP and open:

http://<your-ec2-public-ip>:8080

• You should see the default Nginx welcome page.

Step 6: Manage Containers

• Stop a container:

docker stop my-nginx

• Remove a container:

docker rm my-nginx

• Remove an image:

docker rmi nginx

- Optional: Create Custom Image Using Dockerfile
- Create a new directory:

mkdir myapp && cd myapp

• Create a Dockerfile:

FROM nginx

COPY index.html /usr/share/nginx/html

• Create a simple index.html:

<h1>Hello from my custom Docker image!</h1>

• Build the image:

docker build -t my-nginx-custom .

• Run the container:

docker run -d -p 8080:80 my-nginx-custom

- Notes
- Use docker exec -it <container_id> /bin/bash to access container shell.
- Always stop containers before removing them.
- Use docker system prune to clean up unused resources.