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Package update should not be executed without installing it

Analyze your code

Intentionality - Efficient Maintainability ⬆

Code Smell Major ⓘ

Running update of your package manager in a single RUN instruction stores the cache index in the file system. This cache is not needed for the installed software to work properly.

- Why is this an issue?
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Code examples

Noncompliant code example

```
RUN apk update
RUN apt-get update
RUN aptitude update
```

Here each line represents an update command for the most popular package managers. Each of them stores the cache index in the newly created layer.

Compliant solution

```
RUN apk update && apk add ...
RUN apt-get update && apt-get install ...
RUN aptitude update && aptitude install ...
```

Here in each line after the update, the package installation is executed. However, it happens in single RUN instruction so only one layer is created. After installing all packages the cleanup of the cache index should be done. For more details please see rule [S6587](#).

How does this work?

Each execution of RUN instruction creates a new layer in Docker. If a single command apt-get update or equivalent is executed, the cache is stored in the new layer. This increases the size of the final image. Even removing those cache in the next RUN instruction doesn't decrease the size of the final image. This overhead is not needed in the Docker image. Updating the cache and installing packages should be executed in one step (one RUN instruction).

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