2-1 What are Images & Containers?

• Image = Blueprint

A Docker image is like a **recipe or template**. It includes the app code + dependencies + environment. You don't run an image directly.

Container = Running Instance

A Docker container is a **running version** of the image. You can start, stop, restart it — it's like launching a program from a template.

Analogy:

Think of an image like a class in programming and a container like an object (instance of that class).

2-2 Using Pre-built Images

Docker has official ready-made images for common tools — Node, Python, MySQL, etc.

Example: Running a Node.js REPL

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docker run -it node

Explanation:

- docker run: Start a container
- -it: Interactive mode (so we can type inside)
- node: Use the pre-built Node image from Docker Hub

You're now inside a Node REPL running inside a container!

2-3 Writing Our First Dockerfile

Let's say you have a basic Node.js app:

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Folder structure:
pgsql
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app/
 index.js package.json
index.js
js
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console.log("Hello from Docker!");
Dockerfile
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# 1. Use base image
FROM node:18
# 2. Set working directory inside container
WORKDIR /app
# 3. Copy files to container
COPY . .
# 4. Install dependencies
RUN npm install
# 5. Define default command
CMD ["node", "index.js"]
```

Explanation:

- FROM node:18: Use Node.js v18 image as the base
- WORKDIR /app: Inside the container, we'll work in /app

- COPY . .: Copy everything from current folder into container
- RUN npm install: Install dependencies
- CMD: The command to run when container starts

2-4 Building an Image & Running Container Based On Our Image

X Build the image:

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docker build -t my-node-app .

Run the container:

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docker run my-node-app

Explanation:

- -t my-node-app: Tag the image with a name
- .: Use the current directory as context (Dockerfile is here)
- The run command creates a container from the image and runs the default command (node index.js)

Output should be:

csharp

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Hello from Docker!

2-5 Deep Dive Into Docker Images

- Images are built in layers. Each command in Dockerfile (FROM, COPY, etc.) creates a new layer.
- Layers are **cached** speeds up rebuilds.
- Images are **immutable** once built, they don't change.
- See image details:

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docker image inspect my-node-app

Good to Know:

- Docker layers = fast, smart builds.
- Small changes don't rebuild everything.

2-6 Managing Images & Containers

✓ See images:

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docker images

Remove image:

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docker rmi my-node-app

See containers (running only):

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docker ps

See all containers (including stopped):

bash CopyEdit docker ps -a

Remove a container:

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docker rm container_id

2-7 Attached & Detached Container

Attached mode (default) = You see container logs/output.

bash CopyEdit docker run my-node-app

Detached mode = Runs in background.

bash CopyEdit docker run -d my-node-app

- Use detached mode when:
 - You don't need to see logs live
 - You want it to run like a background service

2-8 Deep Dive Into Container

Each container:

- Has its own filesystem, IP address, processes
- Is isolated but can communicate with other containers (via networks)
- **K** Check inside a running container:

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docker exec -it container_id sh

exec = Run command inside a running container

-it = Interactive shell

sh = Open shell (like a terminal inside the container)

2-9 Naming & Tagging Container & Images

/ You can tag images like versions:

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docker build -t my-node-app:v1 .

- Why tag?
 - Helps you manage versions
 - Example: my-node-app:v1,:v2,:latest
- **Container** with a name:

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docker run --name my-container my-node-app

Named containers are easier to manage:

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docker stop my-container
docker start my-container
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2-10 Pushing Docker Image to DockerHub

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Step-by-step:
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1. Create account on https://hub.docker.com

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Login:

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docker login

2.

Tag image for Docker Hub:

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docker tag my-node-app yourusername/my-node-app:v1

3.

Push image:

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docker push yourusername/my-node-app:v1
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Now anyone can pull and use your image.

2-11 Pulling Docker Image From DockerHub

To download (pull) someone's image:

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docker pull yourusername/my-node-app:v1

Run it:

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docker run yourusername/my-node-app:v1

You can share your app like this with the world — just give them your Docker Hub reponame.