

The Ultimate Docker Cheat Sheet

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Complete Docker CLI



Cheatsheet for Docker CLI

Run a new Container

Start a new Container from an Image

docker run IMAGE docker run nginx

...and assign it a name

docker run -- name CONTAINER IMAGE docker run -- name web nginx

.and map a port

docker run -p HOSTPORT: CONTAINERPORT IMAGE

docker run -p 8080:80 nginx

...and map all ports

docker run -P IMAGE docker run -P nginx

...and start container in background

docker run -d IMAGE docker run -d nainx

...and assign it a hostname

docker run --hostname HOSTNAME IMAGE

docker run --hostname srv nginx

...and add a dns entry

docker run --add-host HOSTNAME: IP IMAGE

and map a local directory into the container

docker run -v HOSTDIR: TARGETDIR IMAGE

docker run -v ~/:/usr/share/nginx/html nginx

...but change the entrypoint

docker run -it --entrypoint EXECUTABLE IMAGE

docker run -it --entrypoint bash nginx

Manage Containers

Show a list of running containers docker ps

Show a list of all containers

docker ps -a

Delete a container docker rm CONTAINER

docker rm web

Delete a running container

docker rm -f CONTAINER

docker rm -f web

Delete stopped containers

docker container prune

Stop a running container

docker stop CONTAINER docker stop web

Start a stopped container

docker start CONTAINER

docker start web

Copy a file from a container to the host docker op CONTAINER: SOURCE TARGET

docker cp web:/index.html index.html

Copy a file from the host to a container docker op TARGET CONTAINER: SOURCE docker cp index.html web:/index.html

Start a shell inside a running container

docker exec -it CONTAINER EXECUTABLE

docker exec -it web bash

Rename a container

docker rename OLD_NAME NEW_NAME

docker rename 096 web

Create an image out of container

docker commit CONTAINER

docker commit web

Manage Images

Download an image

docker pull IMAGE[:TAG]

docker pull nginx

Upload an image to a repository

docker push IMAGE

docker push myimage:1.0

Delete an image

docker rmi IMAGE

Show a list of all Images

docker images

Delete dangling images

docker image prune

Delete all unused images

docker image prune -a

Build an image from a Dockerfile

docker build DIRECTORY docker build .

Tag an image

docker tag IMAGE NEWIMAGE docker tag ubuntu ubuntu: 18.04

Build and tag an image from a Dockerfile

docker build -t IMAGE DIRECTORY docker build -t myimage .

Save an image to .tar file

docker save IMAGE > FILE

docker save nginx > nginx.tar

Load an image from a .tar file

docker load -i TARFILE

docker load -i nginx.tar

Info & Stats

Show the logs of a container

docker logs CONTAINER docker logs web

Show stats of running containers

docker stats

Show processes of container

docker top CONTAINER

docker top web

Show installed docker version

docker version

Get detailed info about an object

docker inspect NAME

docker inspect nginx

Show all modified files in container

docker diff CONTAINER

docker diff web

Show mapped ports of a container

docker port CONTAINER

docker port web

Container management commands

command	description
docker create image [command]	create the container
docker run image [command]	= create + start
docker start container	start the container
docker stop container	graceful ² stop
docker kill container	kill (SIGKILL) the container
docker restart container	= stop + start
docker pause container	suspend the container
docker unpause container	resume the container
docker rm [-f ³] container	destroy the container

 $^{^2} send \ SIGTERM \ to \ the \ main \ process + \ SIGKILL \ 10 \ seconds \ later$

 $^{^3}$ -f allows removing running containers (= docker kill + docker rm)

Inspecting the container

command	description
docker ps	list running containers
docker ps -a	list all containers
docker logs [-f ⁶] container	show the container output
	(stdout+stderr)
docker top container [ps options]	list the processes running
	inside the containers
docker diff container	show the differences with
	the image (modified files)
docker inspect container	show low-level infos
	(in json format)

Interacting with the container

command	description
docker attach container	attach to a running container
	(stdin/stdout/stderr)
docker cp container:path hostpath	copy files from the container
docker cp hostpath - container:path	copy files into the container
docker export container	export the content of
	the container (tar archive)
docker exec container args	run a command in an existing
	container (useful for debugging)
docker wait container	wait until the container terminates
	and return the exit code
docker commit container image	commit a new docker image
	(snapshot of the container)

Image management commands

command	description
docker images	list all local images
docker history image	show the image history
	(list of ancestors)
docker inspect image	show low-level infos
	(in json format)
docker tag image tag	tag an image
docker commit container image	create an image
	(from a container)
docker import url - [tag]	create an image
	(from a tarball)
docker rmi image	delete images

Image transfer commands

Using the registry API

docker pull repo[:tag]	pull an image/repo from a registry
docker push repo[:tag]	push an image/repo from a registry
docker search text	search an image on the official registry
docker login	login to a registry
docker logout	logout from a registry

Manual transfer

docker save repo[:tag]	export an image/repo as a tarbal
docker load	load images from a tarball
docker-ssh ¹⁰	proposed script to transfer images
	between two daemons over ssh

Builder Main Commands

Builder main commands

command	description
FROM image scratch	base image for the build
MAINTAINER email	name of the mainainer (metadata)
COPY path dst	copy path from the context
	into the container at location dst
ADD src dst	same as COPY but untar archives
	and accepts http urls
RUN args	run an arbitrary command inside
	the container
USER name	set the default username
WORKDIR path	set the default working directory
CMD args	set the default command
ENV name value	set an environment variable

The Docker CLI

docker build

```
docker build [options] .
  -t "app/container_name" # name
```

Create an image from a Dockerfile.

docker run

```
docker run [options] IMAGE
# see `docker create` for options
```

Run a command in an image.

Manage containers

docker create

```
docker create [options] IMAGE

-a, --attach  # attach stdout/err

-i, --interactive  # attach stdin (interactive)

-t, --tty  # pseudo-tty

--name NAME  # name your image

-p, --publish 5000:5000  # port map

--expose 5432  # expose a port to linked containers

-P, --publish-all  # publish all ports

--link container:alias # linking
```

```
-v, --volume `pwd`:/app  # mount (absolute paths needed)
-e, --env NAME=hello  # env vars
```

Example

```
$ docker create --name app_redis_1 \
   --expose 6379 \
   redis:3.0.2
```

Create a container from an image.

docker exec

```
docker exec [options] CONTAINER COMMAND

-d, --detach # run in background

-i, --interactive # stdin

-t, --tty # interactive
```

Example

```
$ docker exec app_web_1 tail logs/development.log
$ docker exec -t -i app_web_1 rails c
```

Run commands in a container.

docker start

```
docker start [options] CONTAINER
  -a, --attach  # attach stdout/err
  -i, --interactive  # attach stdin

docker stop [options] CONTAINER
```

Start/stop a container.

docker ps

```
$ docker ps
$ docker ps -a
$ docker kill $ID
```

Manage container s using ps/kill.

Images

docker images

```
$ docker images

REPOSITORY TAG ID

ubuntu 12.10 b750fe78269d

me/myapp latest 7b2431a8d968
```

```
$ docker images -a # also show intermediate
```

Manages images.

docker rmi

docker rmi b750fe78269d

Deletes image s.

Also see

• Getting Started (docker.io)

Dockerfile

Inheritance

FROM ruby:2.2.2

Variables

ENV APP_HOME /myapp
RUN mkdir \$APP_HOME

Initialization

RUN bundle install

WORKDIR /myapp

VOLUME ["/data"]
Specification for mount point

ADD file.xyz /file.xyz
COPY --chown=user:group host_file.xyz /path/container_file.xyz

Onbuild

ONBUILD RUN bundle install
when used with another file

Commands

```
EXPOSE 5900

CMD ["bundle", "exec", "rails", "server"]
```

Entrypoint

```
ENTRYPOINT ["executable", "param1", "param2"]
ENTRYPOINT command param1 param2
```

Configures a container that will run as an executable.

```
ENTRYPOINT exec top -b
```

This will use shell processing to substitute shell variables, and will ignore any CMD or docker run command line arguments.

Metadata

```
LABEL "com.example.vendor"="ACME Incorporated"
LABEL com.example.label-with-value="foo"
```

```
LABEL description="This text illustrates \
that label-values can span multiple lines."
```

See also

• https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/builder/

docker-compose

Basic example

```
# docker-compose.yml
version: '2'

services:
    web:
    build: .
        # build from Dockerfile
    context: ./Path
    dockerfile: Dockerfile
    ports:
        - "5000:5000"
    volumes:
        - ::/code
redis:
    image: redis
```

Commands

```
docker-compose start
docker-compose stop

docker-compose pause
docker-compose unpause

docker-compose ps
docker-compose up
docker-compose down
```

Reference

Building

```
web:
    # build from Dockerfile
build: .
```

```
# build from custom Dockerfile
build:
   context: ./dir
   dockerfile: Dockerfile.dev
```

```
# build from image
image: ubuntu
image: ubuntu:14.04
image: tutum/influxdb
image: example-registry:4000/postgresql
image: a4bc65fd
```

Ports

```
ports:
    - "3000"
    - "8000:80" # guest:host

# expose ports to Linked services (not to host)
expose: ["3000"]
```

Commands

```
# command to execute
command: bundle exec thin -p 3000
command: [bundle, exec, thin, -p, 3000]
```

```
# override the entrypoint
entrypoint: /app/start.sh
entrypoint: [php, -d, vendor/bin/phpunit]
```

Environment variables

```
# environment vars
environment:
    RACK_ENV: development
environment:
    - RACK_ENV=development
```

```
# environment vars from file
env_file: .env
env_file: [.env, .development.env]
```

Dependencies

```
# makes the `db` service available as the hostname `database`
# (implies depends_on)
links:
   - db:database
   - redis
```

```
# make sure `db` is alive before starting
depends_on:
    - db
```

Other options

```
# make this service extend another
extends:
    file: common.yml # optional
    service: webapp
```

```
volumes:
    /var/lib/mysql
    ./_data:/var/lib/mysql
```

Advanced features

Labels

```
services:
web:
labels:
com.example.description: "Accounting web app"
```

DNS servers

```
services:
web:
dns: 8.8.8.8
dns:
- 8.8.8.8
- 8.8.4.4
```

Devices

```
services:
  web:
    devices:
    - "/dev/ttyUSB0:/dev/ttyUSB0"
```

External links

```
services:
  web:
    external_links:
        - redis_1
        - project_db_1:mysql
```

Hosts

```
services:
web:
```

```
extra_hosts:
- "somehost:192.168.1.100"
```

sevices

To view list of all the services runnning in swarm

docker service ls

To see all running services

docker stack services stack_name

to see all services logs

docker service logs stack_name service_name

To scale services quickly across qualified node

docker service scale stack_name_service_name=replicas

clean up

To clean or prune unused (dangling) images

docker image prune

To remove all images which are not in use containers , add - a

docker image prune -a

To prune your entire system

docker system prune

To leave swarm

docker swarm leave

To remove swarm (deletes all volume data and database info)

docker stack rm stack_name

To kill all running containers

docker kill \$(docekr ps -q)

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