

Docker Commands – Practical Notes (From Your Session)

1. docker images

Command:

docker images

What it does:

Lists all Docker images available locally.

Why we use it:

- Check which images are downloaded
- Understand disk usage before running containers

2. docker system

Command:

docker system

What it does:

Displays Docker system subcommands.

Why we use it:

- Explore Docker system-level management commands

3. docker system df

Command:

docker system df

What it does:

Shows Docker disk usage for images, containers, volumes, and cache.

Why we use it:

- Identify space consumption
- Find reclaimable disk space

4. docker container run

Base command:

docker container run IMAGE_NAME

What it does:

Creates and starts a new container from an image.

Using -d (Detached Mode)

Why we use it:

- Runs the container in the background

Example:

```
docker container run -d in28min/hello-world-java:0.0.1.RELEASE
```

Using -p (Port Mapping)

Why we use it:

- Exposes container application to host machine

Syntax:

-p HOST_PORT:CONTAINER_PORT

Example:

```
docker container run -p 5002:5000 in28min/hello-world-java:0.0.1.RELEASE
```

Using -m (Memory Limit)

Why we use it:

- Prevents container from consuming too much RAM

Example:

```
docker container run -m 512m in28min/hello-world-java:0.0.1.RELEASE
```

Using --cpu-quota (CPU Limit)

Why we use it:

- Restricts CPU usage per container

Reference:

- 100000 = 1 full CPU core
- 50000 = 50% of one CPU core

Example:

```
docker container run --cpu-quota=50000 in28min/hello-world-java:0.0.1.RELEASE
```

Using --name (Container Name)

Why we use it:

- Makes container identification easier

Example:

```
docker container run --name hello-java in28min/hello-world-java:0.0.1.RELEASE
```

Using --rm (Auto Remove Container)

Why we use it:

- Automatically removes container after it stops

Example:

```
docker container run --rm in28min/hello-world-java:0.0.1.RELEASE
```

Combining Multiple Flags (Real Usage)

Why we use it:

- Common in real projects to control networking and resources

Example:

```
docker container run -d -p 5002:5000 -m 512m --cpu-quota=50000 --name hello-java  
in28min/hello-world-java:0.0.1.RELEASE
```

5. docker container ls

Command:

docker container ls

What it does:

Lists only running containers.

Why we use it:

- Check running containers and port mappings

6. docker container stop

Command:

docker container stop <container_id>

What it does:

Gracefully stops a running container.

Technical detail:

- Sends SIGTERM (allows cleanup)

7. docker container ls -a

Command:

docker container ls -a

What it does:

Lists all containers (running + stopped).

8. docker system info

Command:

docker system info

What it does:

Displays detailed Docker environment information.

9. docker system events

Command:

docker system events

What it does:

Displays real-time Docker events.