

Docker Interview questions

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1. How do you reduce the size of a Docker image?

Use a minimal base image (e.g., alpine).

Use multi-stage builds.

Remove unnecessary files and dependencies.

Use .dockerignore to exclude unwanted files.



2. How do you persist data in Docker containers?

Use Volumes (docker volume create myvolume).

Use Bind Mounts (-v /host/path:/container/path).

Use tmpfs mounts for non-persistent data.



3. How do you troubleshoot a failing Docker container?

Check logs: docker logs <container_id>

Check running processes: docker top <container_id>

Inspect the container: docker inspect <container_id>

Run in interactive mode: docker run -it <image> /bin/sh



4. What is the difference between ENTRYPOINT and CMD?

ENTRYPOINT: Defines the main command, cannot be overridden easily.

CMD: Provides default arguments, can be overridden when running a container.



5. How do you clean up unused Docker resources?

Remove stopped containers: docker rm \$(docker ps -aq)

Remove unused images: docker rmi \$(docker images -q)

Remove unused volumes: docker volume prune



6. How do you limit container resources?

CPU Limit: docker run -cpus="1.5" <image>

Memory Limit: docker run -m 512m <image>



7. How do you connect two Docker containers?

Use a Docker network:

docker network create mynetwork docker run --network=mynetwork -name=app1 myimage docker run --network=mynetwork -name=app2 myimage 8. What happens when you remove a running container?

If you run docker rm <container_id>, it fails.

You need to stop it first: docker stop <container_id> and then remove it.



9. How do you update a running container without downtime?

Use rolling updates with Docker Compose:

docker-compose up -d --no-deps --build <service>

Use blue-green deployment with Docker Swarm/Kubernetes.



10. How do you secure a Docker container?

Use minimal base images.

Avoid running as root (USER nonroot).

Use signed images (docker trust).

Scan images for vulnerabilities (docker scan myimage).



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