

Docker Documentation

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1 Structure

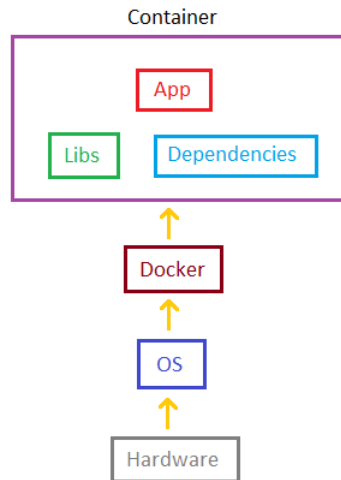


Figure 1: Structure of Docker

A `Dockerfile` is used to create images, and an image is used to deploy an application. A container only lives as long as the process inside it is alive.

2 Dockerfile Format

Given the following `Dockerfile`:

```
1. FROM ubuntu
2.
3. RUN apt-get update
4. RUN apt-get install python
5.
6. RUN pip install flask
7.
8. COPY . ~/Desktop/Project/docker-files
9.
10. ENTRYPOINT FLASK_APP=~/Desktop/Project/docker-files/app.py flask run
```

Note:

- All words in CAPS are **instructions** and all other words represent the **arguments**.
- Every docker image must be based on another image and the `Dockerfile` must start with `FROM`.
- `COPY` copies files from the local storage onto the Docker container.
- `ENTRYPOINT` specifies a command that must be run when starting the image in the Docker container.
- All **arguments** are stored in cache so that if you re-run the `docker build` command, you don't need to re-download the necessary files.

Given the following `Dockerfile`:

1. `FROM ubuntu`
- 2.
3. `ENTRYPOINT ["sleep"]`
- 4.
5. `CMD ["5"]`

When running `docker run <appName> <sleepMilli>` with no value given for `sleepMilli`, a default value of 5 will be used as specified by `CMD`. Otherwise, any value entered for `sleepMilli` will replace the 5.

3 Commands

Prefix all the following commands with `docker`:

3.1 ps

Lists all the running containers.

Examples:

- `ps` \Rightarrow List all the running containers.
- `ps -a` \Rightarrow List all containers that are currently running or have exited.

3.2 history

Shows all the instructions that were executed as a result of building the image.

Example:

- `history <hubUsername>/<appName>` \Rightarrow Shows the layers executed by building the image `appName`.

3.3 build

Builds a docker image using settings from the `Dockerfile` configuration file.

Example:

- `build <Dockerfile> -t <hubUsername>/<appName>` \Rightarrow Builds a docker image called `appName` using the configuration found in the `Dockerfile`.

3.4 run

Starts a docker container with the given image, downloading the image if not already present.

Examples:

- `run <imageName>` \Rightarrow Runs a specific image in a docker container.
- `run <imageName>:<versionNumber>` \Rightarrow Runs a specific image with a specific version number. If no version number is provided, defaults to the latest version.

- `run -d <imageName>` \Rightarrow Runs a specific image in a detached state, i.e. no console output. See 3.11 to see console output.
- `run -p <externalPort>:<internalPort> <imageName>` \Rightarrow Runs a specific image and binds an external port to an internal port, so that users outside of the docker host can access the app using the `externalPort`, which would redirect to the `internalPort` inside the docker host.
- `run -v <localDir>:<dockerDir> <imageName>` \Rightarrow Runs a specific image and persists all changes to the `dockerDir` directory to the `localDir` directory.
- `run -it <imageName>` \Rightarrow Runs a specific image in interactive mode (`-i`) with a pseudo-terminal (`-t`), allowing for user input.

3.5 stop

Stops the running container that matches the container ID.

Example:

- `stop <containerID>` \Rightarrow Stops the container that matches the container ID.

3.6 rm

Removes a container that matches the container ID.

Example:

- `rm <containerID>` \Rightarrow Removes the container that matches the container ID from the local file system.

3.7 rmi

Removes an image that matches the image name.

Example:

- `rmi <imageName>` \Rightarrow Remove a specific image that has been downloaded.

3.8 images

Shows all of the downloaded docker images.

3.9 pull

Download a specific docker image from docker hub.

Example:

- `pull <imageName>` \Rightarrow Download the image with the matching image name.

3.10 exec

Executes a command on a docker container.

Example:

- `exec <containerID> <command>` \Rightarrow Executes a specific command on the matching container ID, where `<command>` can be `ls -la` as an example.

3.11 attach

Attaches the console to the container ID specified.

Example:

- `attach <containerID>` \Rightarrow Attach a console to the container ID specified.

3.12 inspect

Shows detailed information about the container specified.

Example:

- `inspect <containerID>` \Rightarrow Show detailed information about the container with the matching ID.

3.13 logs

Shows the logs of the container that has been specified.

Example:

- `logs <containerID>` \Rightarrow Show logs for container with matching ID.

3.14 push

Pushes a generated Docker image to the Docker hub.

Example:

- `push <hubUsername>/<appName>` \Rightarrow Pushes the generated image to Docker hub with the name `appName`.