



Docker CLI cheatsheet

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docker build

```
docker build [options] .
-t "app/container_name"    # name
--build-arg APP_HOME=$APP_HOME  # Set build-time variables
```

Create an image from a Dockerfile.

docker run

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

Example

```
$ docker run -it debian:buster /bin/bash
```

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 logs

```
$ docker logs $ID
$ docker logs $ID 2>&1 | less
$ docker logs -f $ID # Follow log output
```

See what's being logged in an container.

docker ps

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

Manage containers 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 images.

Clean up

Clean all

```
docker system prune
```

Cleans up dangling images, containers, volumes, and networks (ie, not associated with a container)

```
docker system prune -a
```

Additionally remove any stopped containers and all unused images (not just dangling images)

Containers

```
# Stop all running containers
docker stop $(docker ps -a -q)
```

```
# Delete stopped containers
docker container prune
```

Images

```
docker image prune [-a]
```

Delete all the images

Volumes

```
docker volume prune
```

Delete all the volumes

Also see

- [Getting Started](#) (docker.io)



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