**DevOps Lab 2.1: Docker**

These instructions will guide you through the process of using Docker.

**Connect to the virtual machine**

**Step 1**

Open the Cloud Platform Console at [https://console.cloud.google.com](https://console.cloud.google.com/).

Click on the three horizontal bars at the left most side of the blue bar near the top of the browser window. *Select Compute Engine*.

Select *VM Instances*. You should see the virtual machine you created earlier.

**Step 2**

Click on the checkbox to the left of the VM name and then select *START*. It will take a few moments to start.

Click on *SSH* to start a terminal window.

**Working with Docker**

**Step 1**

Test that Docker has been installed correctly on your computer.

The GCE image you used to create this computer already has Docker installed. Check to see the version of Docker.  
docker --version

**Step 2**

Pull a pre-built Docker image with a very light-weight operating system installed by pulling the latest version of the Alpine Linux distribution container.  
docker pull alpine

Notice the size of this image.  
docker images

Run a container based on this image. Give the container the name "client," and activate the command shell processor.  
docker run -it --name client alpine /bin/sh

Explore the Alpine Linux distribution by executing various Linux commands.

date  
pwd  
whoami

Do any additional exploration you may want to do.

Change to the root user's directory  
cd

Touch a file to create it in the root directory.

touch testfile

Exit the container.  
exit

View the running containers (you should see none as you exited the last container).  
docker ps

View all containers.  
You will see a non-running but still available container named "client."  
docker ps -a

Restart the container.  
docker restart client

Connect your terminal to the running container.  
docker attach client

Verify that the file you placed in the root directory is still there.  
cd ls -la

Exit  
exit

Now delete the container.  
docker rm client

**Step 3**

Pull a pre-built Docker image with a heavier weight operating system.  
Pull the latest version of the Debian Linux distribution container.  
docker pull debian

Notice the size of this image, and compare it with Alpine.  
docker images

Run a container based on this image, and activate the command shell processor.  
docker run --rm -ti debian /bin/bash

Explore the Debian Linux distribution by executing various Linux commands.  
date  
time  
pwd  
whoami

Exit the container.  
exit

**Step 4**

Run a container with a program already installed.  
Pull the hello-world image.  
docker pull hello-world

Run the hello-world container and program.  
docker run hello-world

**Step 5**

Clean up after the lab.  
docker rm -f $(docker ps -aq)  
docker rmi $(docker images -q)