Docker CLI Cheat Sheet

docker version

docker version [options]

Use: check the version and installation status --format or -f to modify the output format

docker version -f '{{.Server.Os}/{.Server.Arch}}'

It will only show the target OS class and target architecture

docker build

docker build [options] PATH or URL

Use: Build an image from a Dockerfile

Flag: -f to build from file, -t to tag/name the image, --no-cache to

avoid using cached layers from previously built images.

docker build -t my-image

build an image from Dockerfile and will name it as "my-image"

docker images

docker images [options] [REPO:TAG]

Use: List the images on Docker host

Flag: --all (or –a), --no-trunc to avoid truncated image IDs

docker images nginx:alpine

It will only show images with nginx:alpine tag from the host

docker ps

docker ps [options]

Use: Show a list of containers

Flag: -f to filter, -s to show total file sizes

docker ps --filter 'exited=137'

It will only show containers whose process ended with exit code 137

docker image pull

docker image pull [options] NAME[:TAG or DIGEST]

Use: Pulls an image or repo from container registry
-a to pull all tagged images from the repo

docker image pull nginx:alpine

It will pull nginx image with alpine tag

docker image history

docker image history [options] IMAGE

Use: shows history (intermediate layers) of an image

docker image history nginx:alpine

It will list out all of the intermediate image history of alpine image from the host. Pulled image's intermediate image IDs will be empty.

docker image save/load

docker image save/load [options] IMAGE

Use: saves image to or loads image from tar archive

docker image save nginx:alpine > nginx.tar
It will save the content of nginx:alpine image to nginx.tar file

docker image load < nginx.tar</pre>

It will extract content from nginx.tar and will load an image

docker image push

docker image push IMAGE_NAME[:TAG]

Use: Pushes local image to Docker hub

docker image push cerulean-canvas/nginx:alpine

It will push the nginx:alpine image to cerulen-canvas repo of your docker hub accont. (Note: Login to Docker hub is necessary)

docker container run

docker container run [options] IMAGE [CMD] [ARG]

Use: Runs a container from the mentioned image and replaces its CMD/Entrypoint with the command and arguments provided.

Flag: -i to keep STDIN open for interactions, -t to allocate pseudo-TTY (teletype), -d to run it as a background process.

docker container run -itd ubuntu:16.04 printenv

It will create and run a container in background from ubuntu16.04 image and will run "printenv" command on it

docker container exec

docker container exec CONTAINER COMMAND [ARG]

Use: Executes the created container with the command as mentioned.

docker container exec cont-Ubuntu printenv

It will run cont-ubuntu container with printenv command

docker container inspect

docker container inspect [options] CONTAINER

Use: To view detailed information about container Flag: -f to for,at the output to your convenience

docker container inspect -f '{{range
.NetworkSettings.Networks}}{{.IPAddress}}{{end}}'
cont-nginx

It will provide IP address of cont-nginx container

docker container prune

docker container prune [OPTIONS]

Use: Remove all terminated containers.