

DOCKER HARDENED IMAGES ARE OPEN SOURCE AND FREE !

Docker has made Hardened Images (DHI) fully open source under the Apache 2.0 license, giving every developer a secure, production-ready base image from the very first **FROM** line.



Secure base image in one line

- Security starts with the **base image**
- Most vulnerabilities come from **base images**, not your app
- DHI makes **secure-by-default** the easiest option



"EVERY DEVELOPER
AND EVERY
APPLICATION CAN
(AND SHOULD!) USE DHI
WITHOUT
RESTRICTIONS."

OPEN
SOURCE

WHAT ARE DOCKER HARDENED IMAGES (DHI) !

Docker Hardened Images (DHI) are minimal, production-ready base images maintained by Docker. They reduce the attack surface by including only what your application needs, resulting in near-zero CVEs by design and built-in supply-chain security.

COMMON VULNERABILITIES
AND EXPOSURES

WHAT MAKES AN IMAGE "HARDENED"?



Before (traditional image)
FROM node:24-alpine

After (Docker Hardened Image)
FROM dhi.io/node:24-dev

WOW!

- It includes only what your application needs to run, with no extra tools or leftovers.
- Based on familiar distros like **Debian** and **Alpine**
- **Runtime** images contain only what's needed to run the app (no shell, no package manager)
- Fewer vulnerabilities compared to traditional community images

HOW TO USE DOCKER HARDENED IMAGES !

Using Docker Hardened Images requires you to only change the FROM line. Same **Dockerfile** but stronger security by default.

*-dev image

→ used only to build (has compilers, tooling)

runtime image

→ minimal, production-only, hardened

Build tools never ship to production.

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DOCKERFILE

```
# Build stage
FROM dhi.io/node:24-dev AS build-stage

# Runtime stage
FROM dhi.io/node:24
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BUILD WITH SBOM AND PROVENANCE ENABLED

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docker buildx build \
-t edithturn/myapp:latest \
--sbom=1 \
--provenance=1 \
--push .
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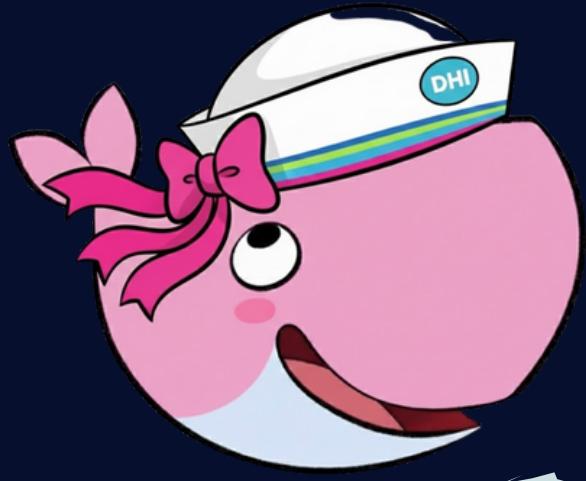
Builds a hardened image, publishes it to Docker Hub, and attaches verifiable SBOM and provenance metadata by default.

RESULT

- Your image is minimal and production-ready
- Security metadata (SBOM + provenance) is attached, not optional
- Nothing extra ships to production

INSPECT SBOM AND PROVENANCE

This SBOM shows exactly what's inside the image and where it comes from, helping teams track security and license risks.



SBOM
(SOFTWARE BILL OF MATERIALS)



```
docker buildx imagedotools inspect edithturn/myapp  
--format "{{json .SBOM.SPDX}}" | head -n 20  
{  
  "SPDXID": "SPDXRef-DOCUMENT",  
  "creationInfo": {  
    "created": "2026-01-03T18:10:31Z",  
    "creators": [  
      "Organization: Anchore, Inc",  
      "Tool: syft-v1.29.0",  
      "Tool: buildkit-v0.26.2"  
    ],  
    "licenseListVersion": "3.25"  
  },  
  ...
```

Let's verify how the image was built, step by step, using SLSA provenance.



SLSA
SUPPLY-CHAIN LEVELS FOR SOFTWARE ARTIFACTS



```
docker buildx imagedotools inspect edithturn/myapp \  
--format '{{json .Provenance.SLSA}}'  
{  
  "buildConfig": {  
    "digestMapping": {  
      "sha256:0b984064e871096b37f32": "step0",  
      "sha256:e3f0527aa13d71cbe8ce0": "step1"  
    },  
    "llbDefinition": [  
      {  
        "id": "step0",  
        "op": {  
          "Op": {  
            "source": {  
              "attrs": {  
                "image_resolvemode": "local"...
```

Docker Hardened Images make secure, verifiable containers accessible to everyone, and now it is Open source!



Visit: docker.com/products/hardened-images/

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