

For your Docker-focused DevOps interview, you should concentrate on key aspects like containerization, orchestration, Dockerfile syntax, Docker Compose, and CI/CD pipeline automation. Here's a breakdown of the topics and commands, categorized by scenario:

1. Container Lifecycle Management

These are basic operations you will perform daily:

- **Pull an image from Docker Hub**

`docker pull <image_name>:<tag>`

Example:

`docker pull nginx:latest`

- **List Docker images**

`docker images`

- **Run a container**

`docker run -d --name <container_name> -p <host_port>:<container_port> <image_name>`

Example:

`docker run -d --name webapp -p 8080:80 nginx`

Note: This will create a container named as webapp with the port 80 and maps it with the host with port 8080 so when I need to access this container from the internet I need to give <https://host-ip:8080>, cuz the container listens traffic from the 8080 port

Eg if `docker run -d --name webapp -p 8081:90 nginx` creates another container 2 then we have to give <https://host-ip:8081> to access the container2

- **Stop, start, and restart a container**

`docker stop <container_name>`

`docker start <container_name>`

`docker restart <container_name>`

- **Remove a container**

`docker rm <container_name>`

- **Remove an image**

`docker rmi <image_name>:<tag>`

2. Building and Managing Docker Images

- **Build an image from a Dockerfile**

`docker build -t <image_name>:<tag> .`

Example:

`docker build -t myapp:v1 .`

- **Tag an image**

`docker tag <source_image>:<tag> <repository>/<image_name>:<tag>`

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Example:

```
docker tag myapp:v1 myrepo/myapp:v1
```

- **Push an image to a repository**

```
docker push <repository>/<image_name>:<tag>
```

Example:

```
docker push myrepo/myapp:v1
```

- **Check image layers**

```
docker history <image_name>
```

3. Networking in Docker

- **List network**

```
docker network ls
```

- **Create a new bridge network**

```
docker network create <network_name>
```

- **Run container in specific network**

```
docker run --network <network_name> --name <container_name> <image_name>
```

- **Inspect container IP**

```
docker inspect -f '{{range.NetworkSettings.Networks}}{{.IPAddress}}{{end}}'
<container_name>
```

4. Volumes & Data Management

- **Create a volume**

```
docker volume create <volume_name>
```

- **Attach volume to container**

```
docker run -d -v <volume_name>:/path/in/container <image_name>
```

Example:

```
docker run -d -v data_volume:/var/lib/mysql mysql:latest
```

- **List volumes**

```
docker volume ls
```

- **Remove a volume**

```
docker volume rm <volume_name>
```

5. Logging & Debugging

- **View container logs**

```
docker logs <container_name>
```

Example:

```
docker logs webapp
```

- **Attach to running container**

```
docker attach <container_name>
```

- **Inspect container details**
docker inspect <container_name>

6. Docker Compose

For orchestrating multi-container environments, focus on the following commands:

- **Start services using Docker Compose**
docker-compose up -d
- **Stop services**
docker-compose down
- **View logs for a specific service**
docker-compose logs <service_name>
- **Scale a service**
docker-compose up -d --scale <service_name>=<count>
- **List running services**
docker-compose ps

Dockerfile for Multi-Stage Build

A multi-stage build helps reduce the final image size by using intermediate stages to compile or build the application.

Example: Multi-Stage Dockerfile for a Node.js Application

```
# Stage 1: Build the application
FROM node:14 AS builder
WORKDIR /app
COPY package.json ./
RUN npm install
COPY . .
RUN npm run build

# Stage 2: Run the application
FROM node:14-alpine
WORKDIR /app
COPY --from=builder /app/dist ./dist
COPY --from=builder /app/node_modules ./node_modules
CMD ["node", "dist/index.js"]

# Expose the application port
EXPOSE 3000
```

Docker Compose for a Three-Tier Application

A three-tier application typically includes a web server, an application server, and a database. Here's an example using Nginx as the web server, Node.js as the application server, and MySQL as the database.

version: '3.8'

services:

web:

image: nginx:latest

ports:

- "80:80"

volumes:

- ./nginx.conf:/etc/nginx/nginx.conf

depends_on:

- app

app:

build: ./app

ports:

- "3000:3000"

environment:

- DATABASE_HOST=db

- DATABASE_USER=root

- DATABASE_PASSWORD=rootpassword

- DATABASE_NAME=mydatabase

depends_on:

- db

db:

image: mysql:5.7

environment:

MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD: rootpassword

MYSQL_DATABASE: mydatabase

MYSQL_USER: user

MYSQL_PASSWORD: password

ports:

- "3306:3306"

volumes:

- db_data:/var/lib/mysql

volumes:

db_data:

Explanation

Multi-Stage Dockerfile

1. Stage 1: Build the Application

- FROM node:14 AS builder: Uses Node.js 14 as the base image for the build stage.
- WORKDIR /app: Sets the working directory.
- COPY package.json ./: Copies the package.json file.
- RUN npm install: Installs dependencies.
- COPY . .: Copies the rest of the application code.
- RUN npm run build: Builds the application.

2. Stage 2: Run the Application

- FROM node:14-alpine: Uses a smaller Node.js image for running the application.
- WORKDIR /app: Sets the working directory.
- COPY --from=builder /app/dist ./dist: Copies the built application from the previous stage.
- COPY --from=builder /app/node_modules ./node_modules: Copies the installed node modules.
- CMD ["node", "dist/index.js"]: Sets the command to run the application.
- EXPOSE 3000: Exposes port 3000 for the application.

Docker Compose for a Three-Tier Application

- **web:**
 - Uses the latest Nginx image.
 - Maps port 80 on the host to port 80 in the container.
 - Mounts a custom Nginx configuration file.
 - Depends on the app service.
- **app:**
 - Builds the application using the Dockerfile in the ./app directory.
 - Maps port 3000 on the host to port 3000 in the container.
 - Sets environment variables for database connection.
 - Depends on the db service.
- **db:**
 - Uses the MySQL 5.7 image.

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- Sets environment variables for MySQL root password, database name, user, and password.
 - Maps port 3306 on the host to port 3306 in the container.
 - Mounts a volume for persistent storage.
- **volumes:**
 - Defines a named volume db_data for MySQL data.