Alpine vs Ubuntu Package Manager Commands Cheatsheet

Alpine (apk) vs Ubuntu (apt-get) Package Manager Commands

Update Package List
- Ubuntu/Debian (apt-get):
sudo apt-get update
- Alpine (apk):
apk update
Install a Package
- Ubuntu/Debian (apt-get):
sudo apt-get install package-name
- Alpine (apk):
apk add package-name
Install Multiple Packages
- Ubuntu/Debian (apt-get):
sudo apt-get install package1 package2 package3
- Alpine (apk):
apk add package1 package2 package3
Install Python 3 and pip

- Ubuntu/Debian (apt-get):
sudo apt-get install python3 python3-pip
- Alpine (apk):
apk addno-cache python3 py3-pip
Clean Up Unnecessary Packages
- Ubuntu/Debian (apt-get):
sudo apt-get autoremove
- Alpine (apk):
No need (useno-cache during add)
Quick Tip:
Alpine images are much smaller (~5MB vs 100MB) but have fewer packages by default.