Docker Commands Cheat Sheet (With Examples)

| Category | Command | Description | Example |
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| Info | dockerversion | Show Docker version | dockerversion |
| Info | docker info | Display system-wide information | docker info |
| Images | docker pull <image/> | Download an image from Docker Hub | docker pull nginx |
| Images | docker images | List all images | docker images |
| Images | docker rmi <image/> | Remove an image | docker rmi nginx |
| Images | docker build -t <name>:<tag> .</tag></name> | Build an image from a Dockerfile | docker build -t myapp:1.0 . |
| Containers | docker run <image/> | Run a container from an image | docker run nginx |
| Containers | docker run -d <image/> | Run in detached mode | docker run -d nginx |
| Containers | docker run -it <image/> bash | Run interactively with shell | docker run -it ubuntu bash |
| Containers | docker ps | List running containers | docker ps |
| Containers | docker ps -a | List all containers | docker ps -a |
| Containers | docker stop <container></container> | Stop a running container | docker stop mycontainer |
| Containers | docker start <container></container> | Start a stopped container | docker start mycontainer |
| Containers | docker restart <container></container> | Restart a container | docker restart mycontainer |
| Containers | docker rm <container></container> | Remove a container | docker rm mycontainer |
| Containers | docker logs <container></container> | View logs from a container | docker logs mycontainer |
| Containers | docker exec -it <container> bash</container> | Execute command inside a running container | docker exec -it mycontainer bash |
| Containers | docker attach <container></container> | Attach terminal to a running container | docker attach mycontainer |
| Network | docker network Is | List networks | docker network Is |
| Network | docker network create <name></name> | Create a new network | docker network create mynet |
| Network | docker network inspect <name></name> | Inspect network details | docker network inspect mynet |
| Network | docker network rm <name></name> | Remove a network | docker network rm mynet |
| Volumes | docker volume Is | List volumes | docker volume Is |
| Volumes | docker volume create <name></name> | Create a new volume | docker volume create myvol |
| Volumes | docker volume inspect <name></name> | Inspect volume details | docker volume inspect myvol |
| Volumes | docker volume rm <name></name> | Remove a volume | docker volume rm myvol |
| Cleanup | docker system df | Show disk usage | docker system df |
| Cleanup | docker system prune | Remove stopped containers and dangling images | docker system prune |
| Cleanup | docker system prune -a | Remove all unused images and containers | docker system prune -a |
| Compose | docker compose up | Start services | docker compose up |
| Compose | docker compose up -d | Start services in detached mode | docker compose up -d |

| Compose | docker compose down | Stop and remove services | docker compose down |
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| Compose | docker compose logs | View logs | docker compose logs |
| Compose | docker compose ps | List running services | docker compose ps |