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Using --help Flag:

- Running `docker --help` displays a list of top-level commands and general usage information.
- Example: Running `docker network --help` provides details about the `docker network` command and its sub-commands.
 - Sub-commands: `connect`, `create`, `disconnect`.
- To explore a sub-command, use the `--help` flag again:
 - Example: `docker network create --help`.
 - This shows:
 - **Usage:** A one-line description of the command.
 - **Options:** All supported flags for the command.

1. Creating a Docker Container

Overview of Docker Containers:

- Containers are created from container images.
- Images are pre-packaged file systems containing the app, its environment, and a start instruction (entry point).

Steps to Create a Docker Container (Long Way):

- Use `docker container create` to create a container from an image.
 - If the image doesn't exist locally, Docker **pulls** it from Docker Hub by default.
 - Example: `docker container create hello-world` creates a container from the `hello-world` image.
 - Adding a tag: Use `:` followed by the tag (e.g., `hello-world:linux`).
- Verify that the image was pulled successfully (look for `pull complete` messages).
- Docker assigns a unique **ID** to each container.

```
$ docker container create hello-world:linux
Unable to find image 'hello-world:linux' locally
linux: Pulling from library/hello-world
c1ec31eb5944: Download complete
Digest: sha256:b7d87b72c676fe7b704572ebdfdf080f112f7a4c68fb77055d475e42ebc3686f
Status: Downloaded newer image for hello-world:linux
5ebb71abc898f315ddd51d75400bb2a3833a96545bc57dc6ce69826a1ad5f625
```

Starting the Container:

- `docker container create` does not start the container.
- Run `docker ps` to list running containers.
- To see all containers (including stopped ones), use `docker ps --all`.
- Start the container with `docker container start <container-ID>`.
- Example: Copy the container ID (or use the first few characters) and run `docker container start 5ebb`.

```
$ docker container start 5ebb
5ebb

write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~
$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND   CREATED   STATUS    PORTS   NAMES

write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~
$ docker ps -all
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE          COMMAND   CREATED        STATUS              PORTS   NAMES
5ebb71abc898  hello-world:linux  "/hello"  About a minute ago  Exited (0) 13 seconds ago  relaxed_lumiere
```

Viewing Logs:

- Check logs with `docker logs <container-ID>`.
 - Example: `docker logs 5ebb` displays the friendly message from the `hello-world` container.
- Use logs for troubleshooting containers that fail.

```
write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~
$ docker logs 5ebb

Hello from Docker!
This message shows that your installation appears to be working correctly.

To generate this message, Docker took the following steps:
1. The Docker client contacted the Docker daemon.
```

Attaching to the Container's Output:

- Use `docker container start --attach <container-ID>` to start the container and immediately view its output.
- For long-running containers, use `docker container attach` after starting the container.

```
write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~  
$ docker container start --attach 5ebb  
Hello from Docker!  
This message shows that your installation appears to be working correctly.
```

Key Points:

- Containers are not deleted automatically after creation or execution.
- The same container can be started multiple times without recreating it.

Create Docker Container: The Short Way

Run a container using the `docker run` command:

```
docker run hello-world:linux
```

- This command:
 - Creates a container from the `hello-world:linux` image.
 - Starts the container.
 - Attaches to the container to display its output.

```
write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~  
$ docker run hello-world:linux  
Hello from Docker!  
This message shows that your installation appears to be working correctly.  
  
To generate this message, Docker took the following steps:  
1. The Docker client contacted the Docker daemon.  
2. The Docker daemon pulled the "hello-world" image from the Docker Hub.
```

- So,
- `docker run` = `docker container create`
 + `docker container start`
 + `docker container attach`

2. Creating Docker Containers from Dockerfiles

Introduction

- So far, we have been creating containers from pre-existing Docker images available on Docker Hub.
- To create a container for our own application, we need to build a custom Docker image.
- Docker provides tools to:
 - Build custom images using Dockerfiles.
 - Start containers from those images.
 - Optionally, push the images to Docker Hub to share with others.

Building a Custom Docker Image

Files Required:

- **Dockerfile:** A file containing instructions to build the Docker image.
- **Example App:** A C++ program which prints ‘**Hello, World!**’ on the screen.

```
$ ls -ltr ./DockerPractice/
total 2
-rw-r--r-- 1 write 197609 135 Jan 13 12:43 FileName.cpp
-rw-r--r-- 1 write 197609 460 Jan 13 12:45 Dockerfile
```

Dockerfile Syntax Overview

- A Dockerfile is a plain text file with a specific syntax and set of instructions to define how to build an image.

Key Dockerfile Instructions:

- **FROM:**
 - Specifies the base image for the custom image.

- The base image can be:
 - A local image.
 - A remote image from Docker Hub (default behavior if not local).
- **LABEL:**
 - Adds metadata to the image (e.g., maintainer information).
- **COPY:**
 - Copies files from the host machine (build context) to the container image.
 - The "context" is typically the directory passed to the `docker build` command (default: current working directory).
- **RUN:**
 - Executes commands during the image build process.
 - Used to install additional software or configure the environment for the application.
 - Example: Installing `g++` for the program to build and to run.
- **ENTRYPOINT:**
 - Defines the default command or script executed by the container when it starts.
 - Alternative: **CMD**, which also defines a default command, but with different behavior.

Example Explanation:

- In the provided Dockerfile:
 - The **FROM** instruction specifies the base image.
 - The **RUN** instructions `g++` to compile C++ program.
- The **CMD** instruction specifies the `hello` object file as the default executable when the container runs.

```

1  # Use an official base image
2  FROM ubuntu
3
4  LABEL maintainer="nishithjain <write2nishi@gmail.com>"
5
6  # Install required packages for C++ compilation
7  RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y \
8      g++ \
9      && apt-get clean
10
11 # Set the working directory in the container
12 WORKDIR /app
13
14 # Copy the C++ source file to the container
15 COPY FileName.cpp .
16
17 # Compile the C++ source file
18 RUN g++ -o hello FileName.cpp
19
20 # Run the compiled C++ executable
21 CMD ["/hello"]

```

- Build the custom image using the `docker build` command.

```

write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~
$ docker build -t my-first-image ./DockerPractice
[*] Building 91.4s (11/11) FINISHED
=> [internal] load build definition from Dockerfile
=> => transferring dockerfile: 495B
=> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/ubuntu:latest
=> [auth] library/ubuntu:pull token for registry-1.docker.io
=> [internal] load .dockerignore
=> => transferring context: 2B
=> [1/5] FROM docker.io/library/ubuntu:latest@sha256:80dd3c3b9c6cecb9f1667e9290b3bc61b78c2678c02cbdae5f0fea92cc6734ab
=> => resolve docker.io/library/ubuntu:latest@sha256:80dd3c3b9c6cecb9f1667e9290b3bc61b78c2678c02cbdae5f0fea92cc6734ab
=> => sha256:de44b265507ae44b212defcb50694d666f136b35c1090d9709068bc861bb2d64 29.75MB / 29.75MB
=> => exporting attestation manifest sha256:f9befded1c64f57c99a90bda69c23e2b2defa594f5a6b7d1b04c4cba093c0a34
=> => exporting manifest list sha256:125ae39d5a776ef89a209c6fbc2b2f3f84d72d25bf5b192f27191ffae479a668
=> => naming to docker.io/library/my-first-image:latest
=> => unpacking to docker.io/library/my-first-image:latest

```

`docker build -t my-first-image ./DockerPractice`

Command Breakdown

`docker build:`

- This is the base command used to build a Docker image from a Dockerfile.

`-t my-first-image:`

- The `-t` flag stands for "tag". It assigns a name (or tag) to the resulting image.
- In this case, the image will be named `my-first-image`.

`./DockerPractice:`

- This is the path to the directory containing the Dockerfile.
- The `.` (dot) at the beginning signifies the current directory. If your Dockerfile is located in a subdirectory named `DockerPractice`, this tells Docker to use that directory as the build context.

Run the container

- Run the created image file using `docker run` command.

```

write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~
$ docker run my-first-image
Hello, world!
This is a test file.

```

3. Interacting with Running Containers

- The `docker run <image-name>` starts the container and attaches to the terminal by default.

Handling attached containers:

- If the **terminal hangs**:
 - Open a new terminal.
 - Use `docker ps` to find the container ID.
 - Stop the container with `docker kill <container-id>`.

Running commands inside a running container:

- `docker exec` allows additional commands to be run:
 - Example: `docker exec <container-id> date` (runs date command).
 - Example: `docker exec --interactive --tty <container-id> bash` (starts an interactive bash shell inside the container).

- Example:
 - We have a C++ program the prints 'Hello, World!' on the terminal infinitely...
 - If we run the container, the program continuously prints the string on the screen.
 - To open an interactive terminal, use...

```
#include <iostream>

int main(void) {
    while (true) {
        std::cout << "Hello, World!\n";
    }
    return 0;
}
```

`docker exec --interactive --tty 025e bash`

```
write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~
$ docker exec --interactive --tty 025e bash
root@025e1b206032:/app# ps -ef
```

UID	PID	PPID	C	STIME	TTY	TIME	CMD
root	1	0	3	13:04	?	00:00:09	./hello
root	19	0	0	13:09	pts/0	00:00:00	bash
root	27	19	0	13:09	pts/0	00:00:00	ps -ef

Stop the Container

- To stop this running container,
 - Get the container id using `docker ps -all` command...
 - Use the `docker stop <container-id>` command to stop the container.

```
write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~
$ docker ps -all
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE          COMMAND        CREATED        STATUS        PORTS        NAMES
f4f5313b6f0f   my-first-image  "./hello"      About a minute ago    Up About a minute        practical_chandrasekhar

write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~
$ docker stop f4f5
f4f5

write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~
$ docker ps -all
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE          COMMAND        CREATED        STATUS        PORTS        NAMES
f4f5313b6f0f   my-first-image  "./hello"      About a minute ago    Exited (137) 16 seconds ago        practical_chandrasekhar
```

- The `docker stop <container-id>` command takes almost 10-15 seconds to stop the container. If we want to stop it immediately, we can give `-t` option.

```
write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~
$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE          COMMAND        CREATED        STATUS        PORTS        NAMES
db545c70359f   my-first-image  "./hello"      19 minutes ago    Up 19 minutes        jolly_heisenberg
cb2058a2ca0c   my-first-image  "./hello"      22 minutes ago    Up 22 minutes        nostalgic_carver

write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~
$ docker stop -t 0 db54
db54

write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~
$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE          COMMAND        CREATED        STATUS        PORTS        NAMES
cb2058a2ca0c   my-first-image  "./hello"      22 minutes ago    Up 22 minutes        nostalgic_carver
```

Immediately stops the container

4. Removing Containers

Remove a Stopped Container:

- Use `docker rm <container_id>` to delete a stopped container.
- `docker rm` will not remove running containers; they must be stopped first.

Force Removing Running Containers:

- Use `docker rm -f <container_id>` to forcefully stop and remove a running container.

Remove Multiple Containers:

- To list only the container IDs, we can use...

`docker ps -aq`

```
$ docker ps -a
```

CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS	NAMES
025e1b206032	my-first-image	"/hello"	20 minutes ago	Exited (137) 11 minutes ago		happy_lovelace
d8380a942e43	my-first-image	"-d"	21 minutes ago	Created		lucid_driscoll
db545c70359f	my-first-image	"/hello"	24 minutes ago	Exited (137) 4 minutes ago		jolly_heisenberg
cb2058a2ca0c	my-first-image	"/hello"	27 minutes ago	Exited (137) 12 seconds ago		nostalgic_carver
cdf83f796762	my-first-image	"/hello"	33 minutes ago	Exited (137) 32 minutes ago		vibrant_banzai

```
write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~  
$ docker ps -aq  
025e1b206032  
d8380a942e43  
db545c70359f  
cb2058a2ca0c  
cdf83f796762
```

- Use `xargs` to remove all containers in one command...

`docker ps -a -q | xargs docker rm`

```
write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~  
$ docker ps -aq | xargs docker rm  
025e1b206032  
d8380a942e43  
db545c70359f  
cb2058a2ca0c  
cdf83f796762  
  
write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~  
$ docker ps -a  
CONTAINER ID    IMAGE    COMMAND    CREATED    STATUS    PORTS    NAMES
```

Removing images

List Docker Images:

- Use `docker images` to list all images.

```
$ docker images
```

REPOSITORY	TAG	IMAGE ID	CREATED	SIZE
my-first-image	latest	fd2cb7f0cbfb	44 minutes ago	564MB
hello-world	linux	b7d87b72c676	20 months ago	24.4kB

Remove a Specific Image:

- Use `docker rmi <image_name>` to remove an image.

```
$ docker images
```

REPOSITORY	TAG	IMAGE ID	CREATED	SIZE
my-first-image	latest	fd2cb7f0cbfb	44 minutes ago	564MB
hello-world	linux	b7d87b72c676	20 months ago	24.4kB

write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~
\$ docker rmi b7d8

Untagged: hello-world:linux
Deleted: sha256:b7d87b72c676fe7b704572ebdfdf080f112f7a4c68fb77055d475e42ebc3686f

write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~
\$ docker images

REPOSITORY	TAG	IMAGE ID	CREATED	SIZE
my-first-image	latest	fd2cb7f0cbfb	47 minutes ago	564MB

Handling Dependencies:

- If a container is using an image, stop and remove the container before removing the image.
- Use `docker rmi -f <image_name>` to force image removal, but this may cause issues.

5. Docker Hub

Introduction

Container Image Registry

- A container image registry is a platform for storing and tracking container images.
- Images are tracked using tags, which combine the image name and version (e.g., `image_name:version`).
- If no version is specified, the default tag is `latest`.

Docker Hub

- Docker Hub is the default registry used by the Docker client.
- Features:
 - Publicly accessible for anyone to push and pull images.
 - Automatically used by Docker when an image is referenced without a specific registry.
- Example:

```
FROM ubuntu:latest
```

- Fetches the `latest` version of the `ubuntu` image from Docker Hub.

Pushing Images to the Docker Registry

- Create Docker Hub Account.
- Use the `docker login` command to log into Docker Hub via the Docker CLI.
- Renaming (Tagging) an Image for the Docker Registry.
 - `docker tag <local_image> <username>/<repository>:<tag>`
 - `<local_image>` is the name of your existing Docker image.
 - `<username>/<repository>` is the desired name on Docker Hub.
 - `<tag>` is an optional version identifier (e.g., `latest`, `0.0.1`).

- Example:

```
write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~
$ docker tag my-first-image nishithjain/cpp_program:0.0.1

write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~
$ docker images
```

REPOSITORY	TAG	IMAGE ID	CREATED	SIZE
nishithjain/cpp_program	0.0.1	39643ed06470	2 minutes ago	564MB
my-first-image	latest	39643ed06470	2 minutes ago	564MB

- Push the tagged image to Docker Hub using the `docker push` command:

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

```
write@Kalarava MINGW64 ~
$ docker push nishithjain/cpp_program:0.0.1
The push refers to repository [docker.io/nishithjain/cpp_program]
d766e2cabb3a: Pushed
5f80e8d9c1d5: Pushed
1bd3a2ca0af7: Pushed
075410085186: Pushed
de44b265507a: Pushed
b9cf7c7638c6: Pushed
0.0.1: digest: sha256:39643ed064701865fb4be931e658fb1ed2b170258028cf14d49241a7c2c84dc8 size: 856
```

Checking Your Images in Docker Hub

- Log into Docker Hub via the browser.
- Navigate to the **Images** section.
- Locate the image you just pushed.
 - View details like tags, OS compatibility, and last pushed timestamp.

nishithjain	Search by repository name	All content	Create a repository
Name	Last Pushed ↑	Contains	Visibility
nishithjain/cpp_program	5 minutes ago	IMAGE	Public

General Tags Builds Collaborators Webhooks Settings

nishithjain/cpp_program

Last pushed 6 minutes ago

Add a description INCOMPLETE

Add a category INCOMPLETE

Tags

This repository contains 1 tag(s).

Tag	OS	Type	Pulled	Pushed
0.0.1		Image	5 minutes ago	6 minutes ago

See all