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DOCKER CHEAT SHEET



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Docker Cheat Sheet

1. Docker Installation & Setup

Install Docker (Linux)

```
curl -fsSL https://get.docker.com
```

```
sudo systemctl start docker
```

```
sudo systemctl enable docker
```

Check Docker Version

```
docker --version
```

```
docker info
```

Run Docker Without **sudo**

```
sudo usermod -aG docker $USER
```

```
newgrp docker
```

Verify Installation

```
docker run hello-world
```



2. Docker Basics

Pull an Image

docker pull ubuntu

List Docker Images

docker images

Run a Container (Interactive Mode)

docker run -it ubuntu ba

Run a Container in Detached Mode

docker run -d ubuntu

Name a Container

docker run --name my_container ubuntu

Run a Container with a Specific Port

docker run -p 8080:80 nginx

List Running Containers

docker ps

List All Containers (Including Stopped)

docker ps -a



Stop a Running Container

docker stop container_id

Remove a Container

docker rm container_id

Remove All Stopped Containers

docker container prune

Remove an Image

docker rmi image_id

Remove All Unused Images

docker image prune -a

3. Docker Images

Create a Custom Docker Image

Create a **Dockerfile**:
dockerfile

FROM ubuntu

RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y curl

CMD ["ba"]

Build the Image:

```
docker build -t my_custom_image .
```

Run the Image:

```
docker run -it my_custom_image
```

Tag an Image

```
docker tag my_custom_image myrepo/myimage:v1
```

Push an Image to Docker Hub

```
docker login
```

```
docker push myrepo/myimage:v1
```

4. Working with Containers

Execute Commands in Running Container

```
docker exec -it container_id ba
```

View Container Logs

```
docker logs container_id
```

Follow Live Logs

```
docker logs -f container_id
```

Copy Files Between Host & Container

```
docker cp file.txt container_id:/path/to/destination
```

```
docker cp container_id:/path/to/file.txt .
```

Restart a Container

docker restart container_id

5. Networking in Docker

List Networks

docker network ls

Create a Network

docker network create my_network

Connect a Container to a Network

docker network connect my_network container_id

Run a Container in a Custom Network

docker run --network=my_network alpine ping google.com

Disconnect a Container from a Network

docker network disconnect my_network container_id

Remove a Network

docker network rm my_network

6. Docker Volumes (Persistent Storage)

List Volumes

docker volume ls

Create a Volume



docker volume create my_volume

Run a Container with a Volume

docker run -v my_volume:/data ubuntu

Inspect a Volume

docker volume inspect my_volume

Remove a Volume

docker volume rm my_volume

Remove All Unused Volumes

docker volume prune

7. Docker Compose

Install Docker Compose

sudo curl -L

"https://github.com/docker/compose/releases/latest/download/docker-compose-\$(uname -s)-\$(uname -m)" -o /usr/local/bin/docker-compose

sudo chmod +x /usr/local/bin/docker-compose

Example docker-compose.yml

yaml

version: "3.8"

services:

web:



image: nginx

ports:

- "8080:80"

volumes:

- my_data:/usr/share/nginx/html

volumes:

my_data:

Start Services

docker-compose up -d

Stop Services

docker-compose down

View Logs

docker-compose logs -f

8. Dockerfile Best Practices

Minimize Layers

dockerfile

FROM ubuntu

RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y curl



Use Multi-Stage Builds

dockerfile

FROM golang:1.16 AS builder

WORKDIR /app

COPY . .

RUN go build -o myapp

FROM alpine

COPY --from=builder /app/myapp /myapp

CMD ["/myapp"]

Set a Working Directory

dockerfile

WORKDIR /app

Use Environment Variables

Dockerfile

ENV APP_ENV=production

Expose Ports

dockerfile

EXPOSE 8080



9. Security Best Practices

Use Non-Root User

dockerfile

RUN adduser -D myuser

USER myuser

Scan Images for Vulnerabilities

docker scan my_image

Limit Container Capabilities

docker run --cap-drop=ALL --cap-add=NET_BIND_SERVICE nginx

Read-Only Filesystem

docker run --read-only nginx

10. Debugging & Monitoring

View Running Processes in a Container

docker top container_id

View Stats

docker stats

Inspect a Container

docker inspect container_id

View Disk Usage



docker system df

Clean Up Unused Resources

docker system prune -a

11. Kubernetes with Docker

Enable Kubernetes (Docker Desktop)

kubectl get nodes

Deploy an App

yaml

apiVersion: apps/v1

kind: Deployment

Metadata:

name: myapp

spec:

replicas: 2

selector:

matchLabels:

app: myapp

template:

metadata:

labels:



```
app: myapp
```

```
spec:
```

```
  containers:
```

```
    - name: myapp
```

```
      image: nginx
```

```
kubectl apply -f deployment.yaml
```

Expose a Service

```
kubectl expose deployment myapp --type=NodePort --port=80
```

Check Running Pods

```
kubectl get pods
```

12. Miscellaneous

Run a Temporary Container

```
docker run --rm -it alpine
```

Limit CPU & Memory Usage

```
docker run --memory=512m --cpus=1 nginx
```

Export & Import Containers

```
docker export container_id > container.tar
```

```
docker import container.tar new_image
```

Save & Load Images

```
docker save -o myimage.tar my_image
```



```
docker load -i myimage.tar
```

13. Docker Swarm (Native Orchestration)

Docker Swarm allows you to manage a cluster of Docker nodes and deploy services efficiently.

Initialize Docker Swarm

```
docker swarm init --advertise-addr <manager-ip>
```

Check Swarm Status

```
docker info | grep Swarm
```

Get Join Token for Worker Nodes

```
docker swarm join-token worker
```

Get Join Token for Manager Nodes

```
docker swarm join-token manager
```

Join a Worker Node

```
docker swarm join --token <token> <manager-ip>:2377
```

List All Nodes in Swarm

```
docker node ls
```

Promote a Worker to Manager

```
docker node promote worker-node
```

Demote a Manager to Worker



docker node demote manager-node

Leave Swarm (From Worker)

docker swarm leave

Remove a Node from Swarm

docker node rm worker-node

14. Deploying Services in Docker Swarm

Deploy a Service

docker service create --name web --replicas 3 -p 8080:80 nginx

List Running Services

docker service ls

List Tasks for a Service

docker service ps web

Scale a Service

docker service scale web=5

Update a Running Service

docker service update --image nginx:latest web

Remove a Service

docker service rm web

15. Docker Secrets (Secure Storage of Credentials)

Docker Secrets allow sensitive data (passwords, API keys) to be securely managed in Swarm.

Create a Secret

```
echo "my-secret-password" | docker secret create db_password -
```

List All Secrets

```
docker secret ls
```

Inspect a Secret

```
docker secret inspect db_password
```

Use Secret in a Service

```
docker service create --name mysql --secret db_password mysql:latest
```

Remove a Secret

```
docker secret rm db_password
```

16. Docker Configs (Manage Config Files)

Docker Configs allow configuration files to be stored securely for use by containers.

Create a Config

```
echo "server { listen 80; }" | docker config create nginx_config -
```

List Configs

```
docker config ls
```

Inspect a Config

```
docker config inspect nginx_config
```

Use Config in a Service

```
docker service create --name nginx --config nginx_config nginx
```

Remove a Config

```
docker config rm nginx_config
```

17. Docker BuildKit (Efficient Image Builds)

Enable BuildKit

```
export DOCKER_BUILDKIT=1
```

Use BuildKit in Dockerfile

```
dockerfile
```

```
# syntax=docker/dockerfile:1.2
```

Build an Image with BuildKit

```
docker build -t myimage --progress=plain .
```

Multi-Stage Build Example



dockerfile

Build Stage

FROM golang:1.18 AS builder

WORKDIR /app

COPY . .

RUN go build -o myapp

Runtime Stage

FROM alpine

COPY --from=builder /app/myapp /usr/local/bin/myapp

CMD ["myapp"]

18. Docker Security Best Practices

Scan Images for Vulnerabilities

docker scan myimage

Run Containers as Non-Root User

dockerfile

RUN adduser -D myuser

USER myuser

Use Read-Only Filesystem

docker run --read-only nginx



Limit Container Capabilities

docker run --cap-drop=ALL --cap-add=NET_BIND_SERVICE nginx

Block New Privileges

docker run --security-opt=no-new-privileges nginx

19. Docker Logging & Monitoring

View Container Logs

docker logs -f container_id

Use JSON Log Driver

docker run --log-driver=json-file nginx

Use Syslog Driver

docker run --log-driver=syslog nginx

Monitor Resource Usage

docker stats

Check Disk Usage

docker system df

20. Docker System Cleanup & Maintenance

Remove Unused Containers

docker container prune



Remove Unused Images

docker image prune -a

Remove Unused Networks

docker network prune

Remove Unused Volumes

docker volume prune

Clean Up Everything (Dangling Images, Containers, Volumes)

docker system prune -a --volumes

21. Docker Bench Security (Security Audit Tool)

Install Docker Bench

git clone <https://github.com/docker/docker-bench-security>.git

cd docker-bench-security

sudo docker-bench-security.

22. Docker Multi-Host Networking with Overlay Networks

Create an Overlay Network

docker network create --driver overlay my_overlay

Run a Service in Overlay Network

docker service create --network my_overlay --name web nginx

Inspect Network



docker network inspect my_overlay

23. Docker Desktop Features

Enable Kubernetes in Docker Desktop

- Go to Settings > Kubernetes and enable it.

Verify:

kubectrl get nodes

Run GUI Applications inside Docker (Linux)

xhost +local:

**docker run -e DISPLAY=\$DISPLAY -v /tmp/.X11-unix:/tmp/.X11-unix
firefox**

24. Docker vs Podman (Rootless Containers)

Podman is a daemonless container engine.

Install Podman (Linux)

sudo apt install podman -y

Run a Container with Podman

podman run -it ubuntu ba

List Containers

podman ps

Alias Docker to Podman

alias docker=podman



25. Running Systemd Inside a Docker Container

Use Systemd in a Container

```
docker run -d --privileged --name systemd-container ubuntu:latest /sbin/init
```

Attach to Systemd

```
docker exec -it systemd-container ba
```

26. Running Docker-in-Docker (DIND)

Run Docker Inside a Container

```
docker run --privileged -d docker:dind
```

Use Docker CLI inside Container

```
docker exec -it <container_id> docker ps
```

27. Deploying Kubernetes with k3s in Docker

Install k3s

```
curl -sfL https://get.k3s.io | -
```

Check Cluster Status

```
kubectl get nodes
```

Deploy an Application

```
kubectl create deployment myapp --image=nginx
```

