

# GitLab CI - Container Registry

## Description

Container registry is a storage and content delivery system, which stores their Docker (it is database of predefined images used to run applications.) images.

## Deploying the Registry

You can deploy the registry by using the below commands –

**Step 1** – First, login to your GitLab server using SSH (Secure Shell).

**Step 2** – Now start the registry container by using below command –

```
$ docker run -d -p 5000:5000 --restart = always --name registry registry:2
```

```
buds@buds_gitlab:~$ docker run -d -p 5000:5000 --restart=always --name registry
registry:2
acfe31708a5b6a01c00ae075dbcaed7671827d8de79f74461e7c44e8dc6f7761
```

The `-p 5000:5000` specifies first part as host port and second part as port within the container. The `-restart = always` flag restarts the registry automatically when Docker restarts. The `registry:2` is defined as an image.

**Step 3** – Now, pull the image from Docker hub to your registry –

```
$ docker pull ubuntu:16.04
```

```
buds@buds_gitlab:~$ docker pull ubuntu:16.04
16.04: Pulling from library/ubuntu
Digest: sha256:e348fbbea0e0a0e73ab0370de151e7800684445c509d46195aef73e090a49bd6
Status: Downloaded newer image for ubuntu:16.04
```

The above command pulls the `ubuntu:16.04` image from Docker Hub.

**Step 4** – Next, tag the image to point your registry –

```
$ docker tag ubuntu:16.04 localhost:5000/my-ubuntu
```

Here, we are tagging the `localhost:5000/my-ubuntu` image for an existing `ubuntu:16.04` image.

**Step 5** – Push the image to local registry which is executing at `localhost:5000`.

```
$ docker push localhost:5000/my-ubuntu
```

```
buds@buds_gitlab:~$ docker push localhost:5000/my-ubuntu
The push refers to a repository [localhost:5000/my-ubuntu]
db584c622b50: Pushed
52a7ea2bb533: Pushed
52f389ea437e: Pushed
88888b9b1b5b: Pushed
a94e0d5a7c40: Pushed
latest: digest: sha256:0847cc7fed1bfafac713b0aa4ddf8b9199a99092ae1fc4e718cb28e8528f65f size: 1357
```

**Step 6** – Now remove the cached (*ubuntu:16.04* and *localhost:5000/my-ubuntu*) images from the registry –

```
$ docker image remove ubuntu:16.04
$ docker image remove localhost:5000/my-ubuntu
```

```
buds@buds_gitlab:~$ docker image remove ubuntu:16.04
Untagged: ubuntu:16.04
buds@buds_gitlab:~$ docker image remove localhost:5000/my-ubuntu
Untagged: localhost:5000/my-ubuntu:latest
Untagged: localhost:5000/my-ubuntu@sha256:0847cc7fed1bfafac713b0aa4ddf8b9199a99092ae1fc4e718cb28e8528f65f
```

**Step 7** – Pull back the *localhost:5000/my-ubuntu* image from local registry –

```
$ docker pull localhost:5000/my-ubuntu
```

```
buds@buds_gitlab:~$ docker pull localhost:5000/my-ubuntu
Using default tag: latest
latest: Pulling from my-ubuntu
Digest: sha256:0847cc7fed1bfafac713b0aa4ddf8b9199a99092ae1fc4e718cb28e8528f65f
Status: Downloaded newer image for localhost:5000/my-ubuntu:latest
```

**Step 8** – Now stop the registry and remove the data –

```
$ docker container stop registry && docker container rm -v registry
```

```
buds@buds_gitlab:~$ docker container stop registry && docker container rm -v registry
registry
registry
```