Docker Commands Cheat Sheet

1. Basic Docker Commands

Installation & Version Check

Check Docker version docker --version

Check system-wide Docker information docker info

Working with Images

Search for an image docker search <image_name>

Pull an image from Docker Hub docker pull <image_name>

List all images docker images

Remove an image docker rmi <image_id>

Working with Containers

Run a container docker run <image_name>

Run a container in detached mode docker run -d <image_name>

Run a container with an interactive shell docker run -it <image_name> /bin/bash

List running containers docker ps

List all containers (including stopped ones) docker ps -a

Stop a running container docker stop <container_id>

Start a stopped container docker start <container_id>

Restart a container docker restart <container_id>

Remove a container docker rm <container_id>

Logs & Monitoring

View logs of a container docker logs <container_id>

Show running processes in a container docker top <container_id>

Display resource usage statistics docker stats

2. Intermediate Docker Commands

Managing Volumes

Create a volume docker volume create <volume_name>

List all volumes docker volume Is

Inspect a volume docker volume inspect <volume_name>

Remove a volume docker volume rm <volume_name>

Networking in Docker

List available networks docker network Is

Create a network docker network create <network_name>

Connect a container to a network docker network connect <network_name> <container_id>

Disconnect a container from a network docker network disconnect <network_name> <container_id>

Inspect a network docker network inspect <network_name>

Working with Docker Compose

Start services defined in docker-compose.yml docker-compose up -d

Stop services docker-compose down

Restart services docker-compose restart

Check the logs docker-compose logs

View running containers docker-compose ps

Copying Files to & from Containers

Copy from host to container docker cp <file_path> <container_id>:<destination_path>

Copy from container to host docker cp <container_id>:<file_path> <destination_path>

3. Advanced Docker Commands

Building Custom Images

Build an image from a Dockerfile docker build -t <image_name> .

Build an image with a specific tag docker build -t <image_name>:<tag> .

Tagging & Pushing Images

Tag an image
docker tag <image_id> <repository>:<tag>

Push an image to Docker Hub docker push <repository>:<tag>

Managing Container Resources

Limit CPU usage docker run --cpus="1.5" <image_name>

Limit memory usage docker run -m 512m <image_name>

Docker Security

Scan an image for vulnerabilities docker scan <image_name>

Run a container with read-only filesystem docker run --read-only <image_name>

Docker Swarm & Orchestration

Initialize a swarm docker swarm init

Add a worker node docker swarm join --token <token> <manager_ip>:2377

List swarm nodes docker node Is

Deploy a service docker service create --name <service_name> <image_name>

List services docker service Is

Cleanup & Maintenance

Remove all stopped containers docker container prune

Remove all unused images docker image prune -a

Remove all unused volumes docker volume prune

Remove all unused networks docker network prune