Docker Basic Commands with Examples and Explanations:

1. docker --version

- Displays the installed Docker version.
- o docker --version

2. docker pull

- Downloads a Docker image from a registry like Docker Hub.
- 。 docker pull ubuntu

3. docker images

- Lists all available images on your system.
- docker images

4. docker rmi <image_id>

- Removes a Docker image by its ID.
- docker rmi abc123

5. docker ps

- Lists all running containers.
- docker ps

6. docker ps -a

- Lists all containers, including stopped ones.
- o docker ps -a

7. docker run <image_name>

- Creates and starts a new container from a specified image.
- docker run ubuntu

8. docker run -it <image_name>

- Starts an interactive container session.
- docker run -it ubuntu /bin/bash

9. docker start < container_id>

- Starts an existing stopped container.
- docker start abc123

10. docker stop <container_id>

- Stops a running container.
- docker stop abc123

11. docker restart <container_id>

- Restarts a running or stopped container.
- docker restart abc123

12. docker rm <container_id>

- Removes a stopped container.
- docker rm abc123

13. docker exec -it <container_id> <command>

- Executes a command in a running container.
- docker exec -it abc123 /bin/bash

14. docker logs <container_id>

- Displays the logs of a container.
- docker logs abc123

15. docker inspect <container_id>

- Provides detailed information about a container.
- docker inspect abc123

16. docker build -t <image_name> <Dockerfile_path>

- Builds an image from a Dockerfile.
- o docker build -t my_image .

17. docker tag <image_id> repository:tag

- Tags an image for a repository.
- docker tag abc123 myrepo/myimage:v1

18. docker push repository:tag

- Pushes an image to a Docker registry.
- docker push myrepo/myimage:v1

19. docker pull <u>repository:tag</u>

- Pulls an image from a Docker registry.
- docker pull myrepo/myimage:v1

20. docker network ls

- Lists all Docker networks.
- docker network Is

21. docker network create < network name>

Creates a new Docker network.

docker network create my_network

22. docker network rm <network_name>

- Removes an existing Docker network.
- docker network rm my network

23. docker volume ls

- Lists all Docker volumes.
- docker volume Is

24. docker volume create <volume_name>

- Creates a new Docker volume.
- docker volume create my_volume

25. docker volume rm <volume_name>

- Removes a Docker volume.
- docker volume rm my_volume

26. docker-compose up

- Starts services defined in a docker-compose.yml file.
- docker-compose up

27. docker-compose down

- Stops and removes services created by Docker Compose.
- docker-compose down

28. docker-compose ps

- Lists the status of Docker Compose services.
- docker-compose ps

29. docker commit <container_id> <new_image_name>

- Creates a new image from a container's changes.
- o docker commit abc123 my image:v2

30. docker system prune

- Removes unused data (stopped containers, networks, etc.).
- docker system prune

31. docker stats

- Displays a live stream of container resource usage statistics.
- docker stats

32. docker save -o <output_file> <image_name>

- Saves an image to a tar archive.
- docker save -o my_image.tar my_image:v1

33. docker load -i <input file>

- Loads an image from a tar archive.
- docker load -i my_image.tar

34. docker export <container_id> -o <output_file>

- Exports a container's filesystem to a tar archive.
- docker export abc123 -o container_fs.tar

35. docker import <input_file>

- Imports a container's filesystem from a tar archive as an image.
- docker import container_fs.tar

36. docker pause <container_id>

- Pauses all processes within a container.
- docker pause abc123

37. docker unpause <container_id>

- Unpauses a paused container, resuming its processes.
- docker unpause abc123

38. docker rename < old_name > < new_name >

- · Renames an existing container.
- docker rename old_container_name new_container_name

39. docker update <container_id> --cpus <value>

- Updates the resource limits for a container (e.g., CPU).
- docker update abc123 --cpus 2

40. docker attach <container_id>

- Attaches to a running container's standard input, output, and error streams.
- docker attach abc123

41. docker cp <container_id>:/path/to/file <host_destination>

- Copies files from a container to the host machine.
- docker cp abc123:/var/log/nginx.log /home/user/nginx.log

42. docker diff <container_id>

- Shows the changes made to a container's filesystem.
- docker diff abc123

43. docker login

- Logs into a Docker registry (Docker Hub or private).
- docker login

44. docker logout

- Logs out from a Docker registry.
- docker logout

45. docker history <image_name>

- Displays the history of an image's layers.
- docker history ubuntu

46. docker export <container_id> -o <filename.tar>

- Exports a container's filesystem as a tar archive.
- docker export abc123 -o container_backup.tar

47. docker import <filename.tar> <image_name>

- Imports a tarball as a Docker image.
- docker import container backup.tar new image name

48. docker commit < container id > < image name >

- Creates a new image from a container's changes.
- docker commit abc123 my_custom_image

49. docker exec <container_id> <command>

- Executes a command inside a running container.
- docker exec abc123 ls /app

50. docker stats

- Displays a live stream of resource usage statistics for running containers.
- docker stats

51. docker events

- Displays real-time events from the Docker daemon.
- docker events

52. docker version

- Displays the Docker version information.
- docker version

53. docker info

- Displays system-wide information about Docker.
- docker info

54. docker wait <container_id>

- Blocks until a container stops, then prints the exit code.
- docker wait abc123

55. docker prune

- Cleans up unused containers, networks, images (dangling), and volumes.
- docker system prune

56. docker image prune

- Removes unused or dangling images.
- docker image prune

57. **docker volume prune**

- Removes unused volumes.
- docker volume prune

58. docker network prune

- Removes unused networks.
- docker network prune

59. docker network create <network_name>

- Creates a new network for containers.
- docker network create my network

60. docker network Is

- Lists all available Docker networks.
- docker network Is

61. docker network inspect <network_name>

- · Shows detailed information about a specific network.
- docker network inspect my_network

62. docker volume create <volume name>

- Creates a new Docker volume.
- docker volume create my_volume

63. docker volume ls

- Lists all Docker volumes.
- docker volume Is

64. docker volume inspect <volume_name>

- Shows detailed information about a specific volume.
- docker volume inspect my_volume

65. docker-compose up

- Starts containers defined in a docker-compose.yml file.
- docker-compose up

66. docker-compose down

- Stops and removes containers, networks, images, and volumes created by docker-compose up.
- docker-compose down

67. docker-compose build

- Builds or rebuilds services defined in the dockercompose.yml file.
- docker-compose build

68. docker-compose stop

• Stops running containers without removing them.

docker-compose stop

69. **docker-compose restart**

- Restarts all services in a docker-compose setup.
- docker-compose restart

70. docker-compose ps

- Lists all containers in a docker-compose environment.
- docker-compose ps

71. docker-compose logs

- Displays output from the running containers managed by docker-compose.
- docker-compose logs

72. docker-compose rm

- Removes stopped service containers.
- docker-compose rm

73. docker-compose pull

- Pulls images for services defined in the dockercompose.yml file.
- docker-compose pull

74. docker-compose exec <service_name> <command>

- Executes a command inside a running service container.
- docker-compose exec web ls /app

75. docker-compose scale <service name>=<num instances>

- Scales the number of containers for a service.
- docker-compose scale web=3

76. docker tag <image> <new_image_tag>

- Tags an image with a new tag.
- docker tag my_image my_image:v2

77. docker save -o <filename.tar> <image_name>

- Saves an image to a tar archive.
- docker save -o my image.tar my image

78. docker load -i <filename.tar>

- · Loads an image from a tar archive.
- docker load -i my_image.tar

79. docker stop \$(docker ps -q)

- Stops all running containers.
- docker stop \$(docker ps -q)

80. docker rm \$(docker ps -a -q)

- Removes all stopped containers.
- docker rm \$(docker ps -a -q)

81. docker rmi \$(docker images -q)

- Removes all images.
- docker rmi \$(docker images -q)

82. docker rename <old_container_name> <new_container_name>

- Renames a running or stopped container.
- docker rename my_old_container my_new_container

83. docker update --cpu-shares <value> <container id>

- Updates CPU shares for a container.
- docker update --cpu-shares 512 abc123

84. docker update --memory <value> <container_id>

- Updates memory limit for a container.
- docker update --memory 512m abc123

85. docker daemon

- Runs the Docker daemon manually (typically done automatically).
- docker daemon

86. docker logs -f <container_id>

- Follows the logs of a container in real-time.
- docker logs -f abc123

87. docker history <image_name>

- Shows the history of an image's layers.
- docker history ubuntu

88. docker inspect <container_id>

- Shows detailed information about a container or image.
- docker inspect abc123

89. docker diff <container_id>

- Shows changes made to a container's filesystem.
- docker diff abc123

90. docker cp <container_id>:<source_path> <destination_path>

- Copies files from a container to the host system.
- docker cp abc123:/app/file.txt /tmp

91. docker wait <container_id>

- Blocks until a container stops, then prints its exit code.
- docker wait abc123

92. docker kill <container_id>

- Forcefully stops a running container.
- docker kill abc123

93. docker attach <container_id>

- Attaches to a running container to view logs or interact with it.
- docker attach abc123

94. docker pause <container_id>

- Pauses all processes within a container.
- docker pause abc123

95. docker unpause <container_id>

- Resumes all processes within a paused container.
- docker unpause abc123

96. docker top <container_id>

- Shows running processes within a container.
- docker top abc123

97. docker port <container_id>

- Displays a list of port mappings for a container.
- docker port abc123

98. docker exec -it <container_id> /bin/bash

- Opens an interactive shell inside a running container.
- docker exec -it abc123 /bin/bash

99. docker network create < network name>

- Creates a new network for Docker containers to communicate.
- docker network create my_network

100. docker network ls

- Lists all available networks.
- docker network Is