The Ultimate Docker Cheat Sheet

Complete Docker CLI



Cheatsheet for Docker CLI

Run a new Container

Start a new Container from an Image

docker run IMAGE docker run nginx

and assign it a name

docker run --name CONTAINER IMAGE

docker run -- name web nginx

...and map a port docker run -p HOSTPORT:CONTAINERPORT IMAGE docker run -p 8080:80 nginx

and map all ports.

docker run -P IMAGE docker run -P nginx

and start container in background

docker run -d IMAGE docker run -d nginx

.and assign it a hostname

docker run --hostname HOSTNAME IMAGE docker run --hostname srv nginx

docker run --add-host HOSTNAME: IP IMAGE

and map a local directory into the container

docker run -v HOSTDIR:TARGETDIR IMAGE docker run -v ~/:/usr/share/nginx/html nginx

.but change the entrypoint

docker run -it --entrypoint EXECUTABLE IMAGE docker run -it --entrypoint bash nginx

Manage Containers

Show a list of running containers

Show a list of all containers

Delete a container

docker rm CONTAINER docker rm web

Delete a running container docker rm -f CONTAINER docker rm -f web

Delete stopped containers

docker container prune

Stop a running containe docker stop CONTAINER docker stop web

Start a stopped container docker start CONTAINER

Copy a file from a container to the host docker cp CONTAINER:SOURCE TARGET docker cp web:/index.html index.html

Copy a file from the host to a container docker cp TARGET CONTAINER:SOURCE docker cp index.html web:/index.html

Start a shell inside a running container docker exec -it CONTAINER EXECUTABLE docker exec -it web bash

Rename a container

docker rename OLD_NAME NEW_NAME docker rename 096 web

Create an image out of container docker commit CONTAINER docker commit web

Manage Images

Download an image

docker pull IMAGE[:TAG]
docker pull nginx

Upload an image to a repository docker push IMAGE docker push myimage:1.0

Delete an image docker rmi IMAGE

Show a list of all Images docker images

Delete dangling images

docker image prune

Delete all unused images docker image prune -a

Build an image from a Dockerfile

docker build DIRECTORY

Tag an image

docker tag IMAGE NEWIMAGE docker tag ubuntu ubuntu:18.04

Build and tag an image from a Dockerfile docker build -t IMAGE DIRECTORY docker build -t myimage .

Save an image to .tar file

docker save IMAGE > FILE docker save nginx > nginx.tar

Load an image from a .tar file docker load -i TARFILE docker load -i nginx.tar

Info & Stats

Show the logs of a container

docker logs CONTAINER docker logs web

Show stats of running containers

docker stats

Show processes of container

docker top CONTAINER docker top web

Show installed docker version docker version

Get detailed info about an object docker inspect NAME docker inspect nginx

Show all modified files in container docker diff CONTAINER

docker diff web

Show mapped ports of a container docker port CONTAINER docker port web

Container Management CLIs

Container management commands

| command | description |
|--|------------------------------|
| docker create image [command] | create the container |
| docker run image [command] | = create $+$ start |
| docker start container | start the container |
| docker stop container | graceful ² stop |
| docker kill container | kill (SIGKILL) the container |
| docker restart container | = stop + start |
| docker pause container | suspend the container |
| docker unpause container | resume the container |
| docker rm [-f ³] container | destroy the container |

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Inspecting The Container

 $^{^2}$ send SIGTERM to the main process + SIGKILL 10 seconds later

³-f allows removing running containers (= docker kill + docker rm)

Inspecting the container

| command | description |
|--|----------------------------|
| docker ps | list running containers |
| docker ps -a | list all containers |
| docker logs [-f ⁶] container | show the container output |
| | (stdout + stderr) |
| docker top container [ps options] | list the processes running |
| | inside the containers |
| docker diff container | show the differences with |
| | the image (modified files) |
| docker inspect container | show low-level infos |
| | (in json format) |

Interacting with Container

Interacting with the container

| command | description |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| docker attach container | attach to a running container |
| | (stdin/stdout/stderr) |
| docker cp container:path hostpath | copy files from the container |
| docker cp hostpath - container:path | copy files into the container |
| docker export container | export the content of |
| | the container (tar archive) |
| docker exec container args | run a command in an existing |
| | container (useful for debugging) |
| docker wait <i>container</i> | wait until the container terminates |
| | and return the exit code |
| docker commit container image | commit a new docker image |
| | (snapshot of the container) |

Image Management Commands

Image management commands

| command | description |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| docker images | list all local images |
| docker history image | show the image history |
| | (list of ancestors) |
| docker inspect image | show low-level infos |
| | (in json format) |
| docker tag image tag | tag an image |
| docker commit container image | create an image |
| | (from a container) |
| docker import url [tag] | create an image |
| | (from a tarball) |
| docker rmi image | delete images |

Image Transfer Comnands

Image transfer commands

Using the registry API

| docker pull repo[:tag] | pull an image/repo from a registry |
|------------------------|--|
| docker push repo[:tag] | push an image/repo from a registry |
| docker search text | search an image on the official registry |
| docker login | login to a registry |
| docker logout | logout from a registry |

Manual transfer

| docker save repo[:tag] | export an image/repo as a tarbal |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| docker load | load images from a tarball |
| docker-ssh ¹⁰ | proposed script to transfer images |
| | between two daemons over ssh |

Builder Main Commands

Builder main commands

| command | description |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| FROM image scratch | base image for the build |
| MAINTAINER email | name of the mainainer (metadata) |
| COPY path dst | copy path from the context |
| | into the container at location dst |
| ADD src dst | same as COPY but untar archives |
| | and accepts http urls |
| RUN args | run an arbitrary command inside |
| | the container |
| USER name | set the default username |
| WORKDIR path | set the default working directory |
| CMD args | set the default command |
| ENV name value | set an environment variable |

The Docker CLI

Manage images

docker build

```
docker build [options] .
  -t "app/container_name" # name
```

Create an image from a Dockerfile.

docker run

```
docker run [options] IMAGE
    # see `docker create` for options
```

Run a command in an image.

Manage containers

docker create

Example

```
$ docker create --name app_redis_1 \
   --expose 6379 \
   redis:3.0.2
```

Create a container from an image.

docker exec

```
docker exec [options] CONTAINER COMMAND
  -d, --detach  # run in background
  -i, --interactive  # stdin
  -t, --tty  # interactive
```

Example

```
$ docker exec app_web_1 tail logs/development.log
$ docker exec -t -i app_web_1 rails c
```

Run commands in a container.

docker start

```
docker start [options] CONTAINER
  -a, --attach  # attach stdout/err
  -i, --interactive  # attach stdin

docker stop [options] CONTAINER
```

Start/stop a container.

docker ps

```
$ docker ps
$ docker ps -a
$ docker kill $ID
```

Manage container s using ps/kill.

Images

docker images

```
$ docker images
REPOSITORY TAG ID
ubuntu 12.10 b750fe78269d
me/myapp latest 7b2431a8d968
```

```
$ docker images -a # also show intermediate
```

Manages images.

docker rmi

```
docker rmi b750fe78269d
```

Deletes image s.

Also see

• Getting Started (docker.io)

Dockerfile

Inheritance

```
FROM ruby:2.2.2
```

Variables

```
ENV APP_HOME /myapp
RUN mkdir $APP_HOME
```

Initialization

```
RUN bundle install
```

WORKDIR /myapp

```
VOLUME ["/data"]
# Specification for mount point
```

```
ADD file.xyz /file.xyz
COPY --chown=user:group host_file.xyz /path/container_file.xyz
```

Onbuild

```
ONBUILD RUN bundle install
# when used with another file
```

Commands

```
EXPOSE 5900
CMD ["bundle", "exec", "rails", "server"]
```

Entrypoint

```
ENTRYPOINT ["executable", "param1", "param2"]
ENTRYPOINT command param1 param2
```

Configures a container that will run as an executable.

```
ENTRYPOINT exec top -b
```

This will use shell processing to substitute shell variables, and will ignore any CMD or docker run command line arguments.

Metadata

```
LABEL version="1.0"
```

```
LABEL "com.example.vendor"="ACME Incorporated"

LABEL com.example.label-with-value="foo"
```

```
LABEL description="This text illustrates \
that label-values can span multiple lines."
```

See also

• https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/builder/

docker-compose

Basic example

```
# docker-compose.yml
version: '2'
```

Commands

```
docker-compose start
docker-compose stop
```

```
docker-compose pause
docker-compose unpause
```

```
docker-compose ps
docker-compose up
docker-compose down
```

Reference

Building

```
web:
    # build from Dockerfile
build: .
```

```
# build from custom Dockerfile
build:
   context: ./dir
   dockerfile: Dockerfile.dev
```

```
# build from image
image: ubuntu
image: ubuntu:14.04
image: tutum/influxdb
image: example-registry:4000/postgresql
image: a4bc65fd
```

Ports

```
ports:
    - "3000"
    - "8000:80" # guest:host

# expose ports to Linked services (not to host)
expose: ["3000"]
```

Commands

```
# command to execute
command: bundle exec thin -p 3000
command: [bundle, exec, thin, -p, 3000]

# override the entrypoint
entrypoint: /app/start.sh
entrypoint: [php, -d, vendor/bin/phpunit]
```

Environment variables

```
# environment vars
environment:
    RACK_ENV: development
environment:
    - RACK_ENV=development
```

```
# environment vars from file
env_file: .env
env_file: [.env, .development.env]
```

Dependencies

```
# makes the `db` service available as the hostname `database`
# (implies depends_on)
links:
   - db:database
   - redis
```

```
# make sure `db` is alive before starting
depends_on:
   - db
```

Other options

```
# make this service extend another
extends:
   file: common.yml # optional
   service: webapp
```

```
volumes:
    - /var/lib/mysql
    - ./_data:/var/lib/mysql
```

Advanced features

Labels

```
services:
  web:
    labels:
      com.example.description: "Accounting web app"
```

DNS servers

```
services:
web:
dns: 8.8.8.8
dns:
```

```
- 8.8.8.8
- 8.8.4.4
```

Devices

```
services:
  web:
    devices:
    - "/dev/ttyUSB0:/dev/ttyUSB0"
```

External links

```
services:
  web:
    external_links:
    - redis_1
    - project_db_1:mysql
```

Hosts

```
services:
  web:
    extra_hosts:
    - "somehost:192.168.1.100"
```

sevices

To view list of all the services runnning in swarm

```
docker service ls
```

To see all running services

```
docker stack services stack_name
```

to see all services logs

```
docker service logs stack_name service_name
```

To scale services quickly across qualified node

docker service scale stack_name_service_name=replicas

clean up

To clean or prune unused (dangling) images

docker image prune

To remove all images which are not in use containers, add - a

docker image prune -a

To Purne your entire system

docker system prune

To leave swarm

docker swarm leave

To remove swarm (deletes all volume data and database info)

docker stack rm stack_name

To kill all running containers

docker kill \$(docekr ps -q)