

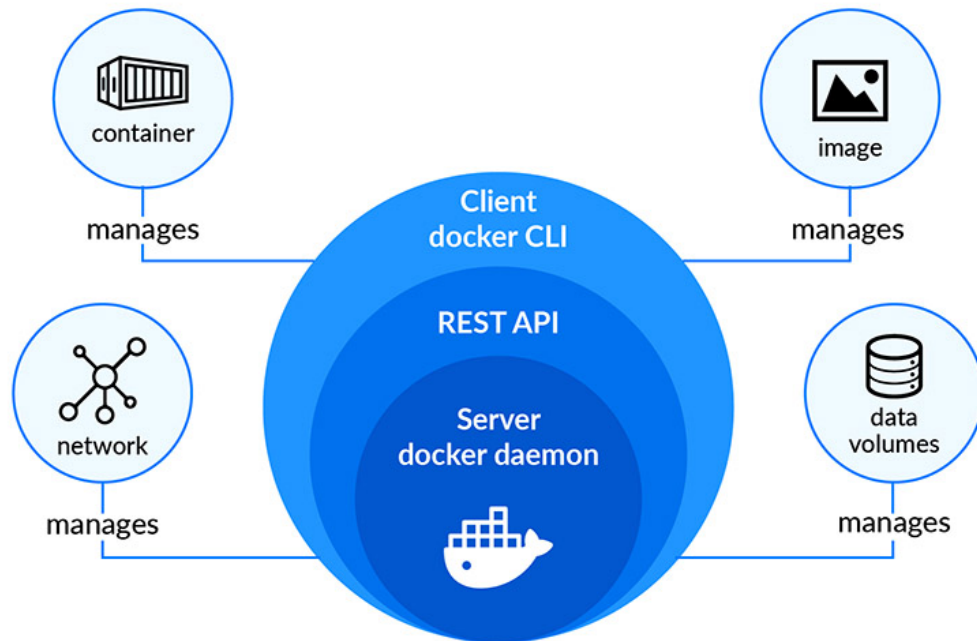


# Overview of Docker

## What is a docker ?

- Docker is an open-source platform for building, deploying, and managing containerized applications.
- **Why Docker?:**
  - Simplifies container creation and management.
  - Provides a consistent environment for development, testing, and production.
- **Key Terms:**
  - **Image:** A lightweight, stand-alone, and executable package that includes everything an application needs (code, runtime, libraries, dependencies).
  - **Container:** A runtime instance of an image. While images are static, containers are dynamic and can be started, stopped, or moved across environments.
  - **Dockerfile:** A text file with instructions to build a Docker image. It defines the steps to configure an environment, install dependencies, and set up the application.

- **Docker Hub:** A cloud-based repository for finding and sharing container images, both public and private.



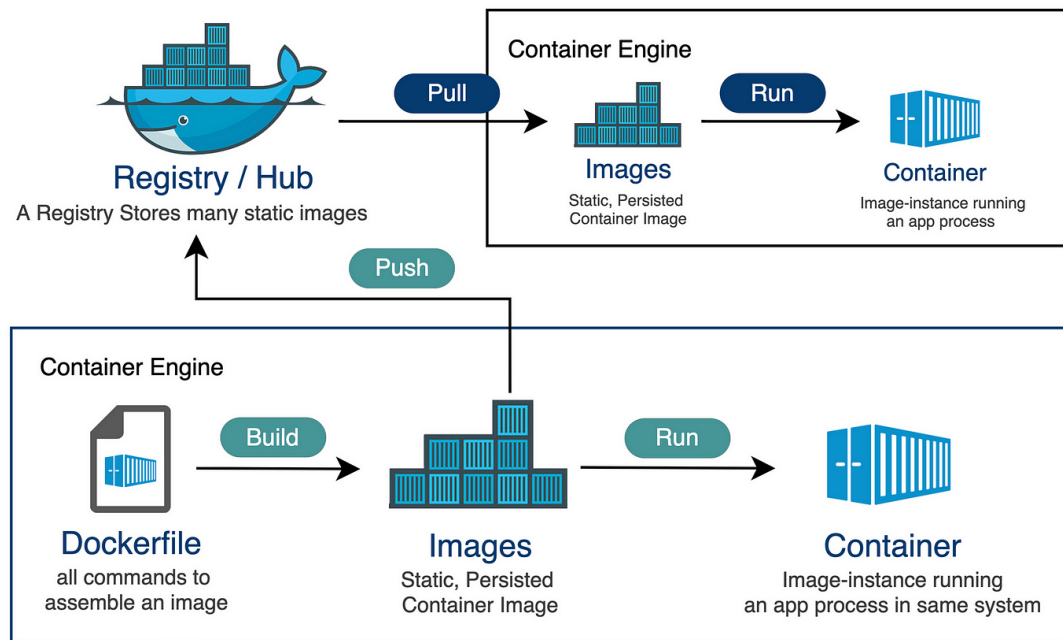
## ▼ Why Use Docker in Modern Development?

- **Consistency Across Environments:**
  - Docker ensures that the application runs the same regardless of where it's deployed (local machine, production server, or cloud).
- **Isolation:**
  - Containers provide process isolation, so multiple applications or microservices can run side by side without interfering with each other.
- **Scalability:**
  - Containers are lightweight and can be easily scaled horizontally (replicating containers to handle more traffic).
- **Efficiency:**
  - Compared to virtual machines, containers use fewer resources since they share the host machine's kernel, making them much faster to start and stop.
- **Portability:**

- Applications packaged in Docker containers can be easily moved across environments, cloud platforms, and OSES, ensuring smooth and reliable deployments.

## ▼ Key Docker Components

- **Docker Engine:** The runtime that runs and manages containers.
- **Docker Hub:** A public repository where users can publish and share container images.
- **Dockerfile:** A text file that contains instructions on how to build a Docker image.



## ▼ Installing Docker on Various Platforms

### Windows:

- **Step 1:** Go to the Docker Desktop for Windows download page.
- **Step 2:** Download the Docker Desktop installer.
- **Step 3:** Double-click the installer and follow the prompts to install.
- **Step 4:** Ensure that **Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL 2)** is enabled for a smoother experience.

- **Step 5:** Once installed, launch Docker Desktop. You can verify the installation by running the following in PowerShell or CMD:

```
docker --version
```

## macOS:

- **Step 1:** Go to the Docker Desktop for Mac download page.
- **Step 2:** Download the installer for macOS.
- **Step 3:** Open the `.dmg` file and drag **Docker.app** to the Applications folder.
- **Step 4:** Launch Docker from the Applications folder. Once it is running, verify by opening a terminal and typing:

```
docker --version
```

## Linux (Ubuntu Example):

- **Step 1:** Update the package index:

```
sudo apt update
```

- **Step 2:** Install Docker:

```
sudo apt install docker.io
```

- **Step 3:** Start Docker and enable it on boot:

```
sudo systemctl start docker  
sudo systemctl enable docker
```

- **Step 4:** Verify installation:

```
docker --version
```

## Post-Installation Steps (All Platforms):

- **Step 1:** Run the Docker hello-world image to confirm everything is set up correctly:

```
docker run hello-world
```

- **Step 2:** Ensure you have permissions to run Docker as a non-root user:  
For Linux, add your user to the `docker` group:

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

## ▼ Building and Running Applications in Docker Containers

### 1. Dockerfile Structure:

- **Base Image:** The starting point (e.g., `openjdk:17` for Java applications).
- **WORKDIR:** The directory inside the container where the application will reside.
- **COPY:** Copies files from the host system into the container.
- **RUN:** Executes commands (e.g., installing dependencies).
- **CMD:** Defines the default command to run when the container starts (e.g., `java -jar app.jar`).

Example `Dockerfile` for a Spring Boot application:

```
FROM openjdk:17-jdk-slim
WORKDIR /app
COPY target/musicFinder-1.0.jar app.jar
EXPOSE 8080
ENTRYPOINT ["java", "-jar", "app.jar"]
```

### 2. Building the Docker Image:

- Command: `docker build -t my-app .`
  - This command builds the Docker image by reading the `Dockerfile`.

### 3. Running the Docker Container:

- Command: `docker run -p 8080:8080 my-app`
  - This command runs the container, mapping the container's port 8080 to the host's port 8080.

## ▼ Docker Best Practices

### 1. Keep Images Lightweight:

- Use minimal base images (e.g., `alpine`) to reduce the size of the final image, leading to faster build times and fewer security vulnerabilities.

### 2. Multi-Stage Builds:

- Separate the build environment from the final image to reduce size and improve performance.

```
FROM maven:3.8-jdk-11 AS builder
WORKDIR /build
COPY . .
RUN mvn clean package

FROM openjdk:11-jre-slim
WORKDIR /app
COPY --from=builder /build/target/app.jar /app.jar
CMD ["java", "-jar", "/app.jar"]
```

### 3. Use `.dockerignore`:

- Similar to `.gitignore`, it prevents unnecessary files from being copied into the container, optimizing build times.

### 4. Tagging:

- Tag your images (`docker build -t my-app:v1 .`) for version control and easier management of deployments.

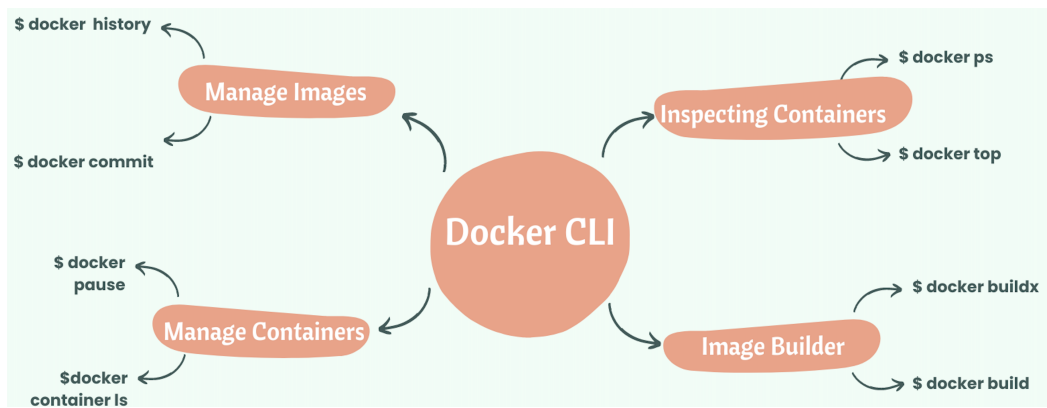
### 5. Security Best Practices:

- Regularly update base images to avoid security vulnerabilities.
- Avoid running containers as root (use non-root users).
- Scan your Docker images for vulnerabilities (e.g., using tools like **Clair** or **Anchore**).

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## ▼ Common Docker Commands

- **Listing Containers:**
  - `docker ps` : List running containers.
  - `docker ps -a` : List all containers (including stopped ones).
- **Stopping/Removing Containers:**
  - `docker stop container_id` : Stops a running container.
  - `docker rm container_id` : Removes a stopped container.
- **Viewing Logs:**
  - `docker logs container_id` : Shows the logs of a container.
- **Entering a Running Container:**
  - `docker exec -it container_id /bin/bash` : Opens a terminal inside the running container.



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## ▼ Advantages of Docker in Development

- **Consistency:** Eliminates the "works on my machine" problem by providing a consistent environment across all stages of development.
  - **Efficiency:** Uses fewer system resources and has fast startup times compared to traditional VMs.
  - **Easy Integration:** Seamlessly integrates with CI/CD tools and workflows.
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