

Docker Entry

Welcome to **Docker Entry**, a lightweight beginner's guide to help you get started with Docker quickly and efficiently. This guide walks you through basic Docker installation, running your first container, and a few essential commands to build your confidence using Docker.

1. Installing Docker

Before anything else, you'll need to install Docker on your machine.

If you're using **Ubuntu**, we recommend installing Docker using the official repository.

👉 Follow this guide to install Docker:

[\[https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/ubuntu/#install-using-the-repository\]](https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/ubuntu/#install-using-the-repository)(<https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/ubuntu/#install-using-the-repository>)

2. Your First Docker Container: Alpine

Now that Docker is installed, let's try something simple to see it in action.

We'll start by downloading and running a minimal Linux image called **Alpine**.

Alpine is a tiny, security-oriented Linux distribution that is widely used for its small size and efficiency.

To download Alpine,

THIS IS IMPORTANT! THIS IS IMPORTANT! You have to first stop the sshd service from your local OS, As this is required for downloading Alpine. After that, you can use the following commands to download the alpine image:

```
```bash
docker pull alpine
```
```

Congrats! You have downloaded your first docker image!

3. Basic Docker Commands

Here are a few basic commands to get comfortable with Docker:

List downloaded images:

```
```bash
docker images
```
```

List running containers:

```
```bash
docker ps
```
```

List all containers (including stopped):

```
```bash
docker ps -a
```
```

Stop a container:

```
```bash
docker stop <container_id>
```
```

Remove a container:

```
```bash
docker rm <container_id>
```
```

Remove an image:

```
```bash
docker rmi alpine
```
```

4. Dockerfile and Image Building (Intro Only)

Docker allows you to build your own custom images using a simple script called a Dockerfile.

Here's a tiny example:

```
```Dockerfile
Dockerfile
FROM alpine
RUN apk add --no-cache curl
CMD ["curl", "https://example.com"]
```
```

To build this image:

```
```bash
docker build -t my-curl-image .
```
```

```
...
```

Then run it:

```
```bash
docker run my-curl-image
```
```

5. Docker Compose (One Step Forward)

As your setup gets more complex, managing multiple containers can be simplified with Docker Compose.

You define services in a docker-compose.yml file and bring them up together:

```
```yaml
version: '3'
services:
 web:
 image: nginx
 ports:
 - "8080:80"
```
```

To start all services:

```
```bash
docker-compose up
```
```

To stop:

```
```bash
docker-compose down
```
```

That's It (For Now!)

This guide is just the beginning. You've pulled an image, started a container, and even peeked into building your own images.

Explore more at <https://docs.docker.com>

Happy Docking! 🐳