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Run script automatically after Docker container startup

Until now to automatically execute a script when starting the Docker container I always added at the end of my dockerfile a line with the command to run the script: CMD [myscript].

My problem is that for each new container I have to build a new image with the new script to run, while the dockerfiles are more or less the same (except the last line where I launch the script).

What can I do to avoid creating so many clone images just because I want to run a different script in each container?

Thanks for the help.

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```
image: ubuntu:21.04
working_dir: /path/to/where/you/want/to/mount/script/
volumes:
  - /host/path/to/directory/with/script/:/path/to/where/you/want/to/mount/script/
command: [ "yourscript" ]
```

This is just a simple example of how you can mount the script into a container at runtime and define the command to run at runtime as well using `docker-compose`. You can do this using simple `docker run` command as well.

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Thanks. I am now using this method :)

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I'm getting permission denied in the container log when it tries to run the script. Any ideas?

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Use docker-compose, which can specify all kinds of settings used when the container is started, including the command to be executed inside the container.

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In situations where I need a common image with different startup behavior, I often create a base image that expects a directory to be mounted as a volume that contains a set of startup scripts. I bake a wrapper script into that base image to use in its CMD that executes every script it finds in that volume before it starts whatever service I want to run in the container. (If no scripts are found in that volume, it just proceeds to start the service.)

I then use that base image in a docker-compose project that wraps up all the specific scripts I need for that effort and ties in the script volume. The project is basically a docker-compose file and a directory of scripts.

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The problem is just the clones images ? flag --rm fix it

If the base image is the same, why not use docker COPY in dockerfile and start the container with the desired script?

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I think building a derived image is probably the overall simplest method; however, not everyone has access to or wants to set up a *private registry, especially if it's only a single image or container you're modifying.

You can override the command using [docker run](#) or use docker-compose to "mount" your script and then specify `command: "/path/to/my/cmd"` as the new command, as others pointed out.

Some images (like HashiCorp's products) make use of this as a way to force you to configure them properly (i.e., the default command is a dev environment in HashiCorp's images, which uses a non-persistent DB).

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I was thinking about docker HUB instead of registry but I think there is no possibility to push my image as "private".

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