Hadolint Dockerfile linter

START HERE

`hadolint Dockerfile`
Lint a Dockerfile

`.hadolint.yaml`
Project config file

`hadolint - < Dockerfile`
Lint from stdin

`# hadolint ignore=DL3006`
Silence next line

`--ignore DL3008`
Skip one rule

`-t error`
Fail only on errors

`-f json`
Machine-readable output

`--trusted-registry <host>`
Allow only this registry

Dockerfile file or stdin → `parse` → **DL rules** build best practices → `RUN lines` → **ShellCheck** SC rules on shell → `filter` → **Report** tty, json, sarif, ... → `threshold` → **Exit code** 0 or 1

CONCEPTS

Hadolint parses the Dockerfile into an AST, applies its own DLxxxx rules and runs ShellCheck (SCxxxx) on every RUN.

RUN IT

`hadolint <Dockerfile>`
Lint a file

`hadolint <Dockerfile> <Dockerfile2>`
Lint several files

`hadolint - < Dockerfile`
Read the Dockerfile from stdin

`docker run --rm -i hadolint/hadolint < Dockerfile`
Run without installing

Also published as ghcr.io/hadolint/hadolint; tags latest-alpine and latest-debian.

`podman run --rm -i docker.io/hadolint/hadolint < Dockerfile`
Same via Podman

`docker run --rm -i -v "$PWD/.hadolint.yaml:/.config/hadolint.yaml" hadolint/hadolint < Dockerfile`
Use a config in the container

`hadolint --version`
Show the version

`hadolint --help`
List all options

RUN IT (cont.)

`hadolint -V <Dockerfile>`
Verbose log to stderr

`brew install hadolint`
Install on macOS

RULES AND SEVERITY

`--ignore <RULE>`
Ignore a rule (repeatable)

`--error <RULE>`
Raise a rule to error

`--warning <RULE>`
Set a rule to warning

`--info <RULE>`
Set a rule to info

`--style <RULE>`
Set a rule to style

`--trusted-registry <host>`
Only allow FROM images from this registry

Repeatable; violations are rule DL3026.

`--require-label <label>:<type>`
Require a label with a value type

Types: text, url, semver, hash, rfc3339, spdx, email.

`--strict-labels`
Reject labels not in the schema

`--disable-ignore-pragma`
Ignore all inline ignore comments

FAILURE AND OUTPUT

`-t <level>` / `--failure-threshold <level>`
Exit non-zero from this severity up

Levels: error, warning, info, style, ignore, none. Default is info. All findings are still printed.

`--no-fail`
Always exit 0

`-f <format>`
Choose the output format

`-f json`
JSON array of findings

`-f sarif`
SARIF for code scanning

`-f checkstyle`
Checkstyle XML

`-f codeclimate` / `-f gitlab_codeclimate`
Code Climate JSON

`-f gnu`
GNU-style file:line: messages

`--no-color`
Plain text output

`--file-path-in-report <path>`
Override the path shown in reports

Applies to checkstyle, codeclimate, sonarqube, junit and gitlab_codeclimate.

INLINE PRAGMAS

`# hadolint ignore=<RULE>`
Ignore a rule for the next instruction

`# hadolint ignore=<RULE1>,<RULE2>`
Ignore several rules at once

`# hadolint global ignore=<RULE>`
Ignore a rule for the whole file

`# hadolint shell=<shell>`
Declare a non-POSIX shell

Example: powershell, so ShellCheck is not applied wrongly.

Put the pragma on its own line directly above the instruction it covers.

CONFIG FILE

`.hadolint.yaml`
Project config in the current directory

`-c <file>` / `--config <file>`
Use an explicit config file

`ignored: [DL3008, DL3059]`
List ignored rules

`trustedRegistries: [docker.io]`
Allowed FROM registries

`failure-threshold: warning`
Set the threshold

CONFIG FILE (cont.)

`override: {error: [DL3010]}`
Change rule severities

`label-schema: {version: semver}`
Required labels and types

`format: json`
Default output format

`$XDG_CONFIG_HOME/hadolint.yaml`
Per-user fallback location

Also ~/.config/hadolint.yaml and ~/.hadolint.yaml; the first match is used, not merged.

`HADOLINT_IGNORE=<RULES>`
Ignore rules via environment

`HADOLINT_NOFAIL=1`
Never fail, via environment

COMMON RULES

`DL3006`
Tag the base image version

`DL3007`
Do not use the latest tag

`DL3008`
Pin apt-get package versions

`DL3009`
Delete apt lists after installing

`DL3015`
Add --no-install-recommends

`DL3002`
Last USER should not be root

COMMON RULES (cont.)

`DL3003`
Use WORKDIR, not cd

`DL3020`
Use COPY instead of ADD for files

`DL3059`
Merge consecutive RUN instructions

`DL4006`
Set pipefail before piping in RUN

`SC2086`
Quote variables (ShellCheck)

RECIPES

CI gate: fail on warnings and worse

```
hadolint -t warning Dockerfile
```

Project config

```
# .hadolint.yaml
ignored:
  - DL3008
trustedRegistries:
  - docker.io
  - ghcr.io
failure-threshold: warning
```

Lint all Dockerfiles in a repo

```
find . -name 'Dockerfile*' -print0 \
  | xargs -0 hadolint -f json > hadolint.json
```

Targeted pragma

```
# hadolint ignore=DL3008
RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y curl
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