

readme.md for @host.today/ht-docker-node

☐ ht-docker-node

“ Production-ready Docker images for Node.js with NVM built in, multi-arch support, and modern runtimes (Bun, Deno). Every image ships with **tini** as PID 1 and full **NVM** integration — switch Node versions on the fly, no sourcing required.

Multi-arch • Alpine & Ubuntu • NVM built-in • Bun, Deno & pnpm • tini init • CI/CD optimized

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☐ Quick Start

```
# Pull and run the full-featured Ubuntu image
docker pull code.foss.global/host.today/ht-docker-node:latest
docker run -it code.foss.global/host.today/ht-docker-node:latest

# Or go lean with Alpine (~200 MB vs ~900 MB)
```

```
docker pull code.foss.global/host.today/ht-docker-node:alpine-node
docker run -it code.foss.global/host.today/ht-docker-node:alpine-node
```

NVM is ready the moment you enter the container — no manual sourcing, no `.bashrc` hacks:

```
$ nvm install 22
$ nvm use 22
$ node -v # v22.x.x
```

Available Images

Ubuntu-Based (Full-Featured)

Built on **Ubuntu 24.04**. Maximum compatibility, all build tools included, plus Chromium for Puppeteer/Playwright, and MongoDB 8.0.

Tag	Description	Key Contents
<code>:latest</code>	Kitchen-sink Node.js image	Node LTS + NVM + pnpm + Bun + Deno + Chromium + MongoDB 8.0
<code>:lts</code>	Alias of <code>:latest</code>	Same — explicit LTS naming for clarity
<code>:szci</code>	CI/CD workhorse	<code>:latest</code> + <code>@ship.zone/szci</code> preinstalled
<code>:fossglobal_preinstalled_<ver></code>	Preloaded tooling image	<code>:szci</code> + <code>tstrun</code> , <code>tstest</code> , <code>tapbundle</code> , <code>smartfile</code> , and more

Alpine-Based (Lightweight & Multi-Arch) ↩

40-75 % smaller than Ubuntu. Native performance on **both amd64 and arm64** (Apple Silicon, Graviton, Ampere).

Tag	Description	Size	Architectures
<code>:alpine-node</code>	Node.js LTS + NVM + pnpm	~200 MB	amd64, arm64
<code>:alpine-bun</code>	Node.js LTS + NVM + Bun	~150 MB	amd64, arm64
<code>:alpine-deno</code>	Node.js LTS + NVM + Deno	~180 MB	amd64, arm64

Tag	Description	Size	Architectures
:alpine-szci	Alpine Node + szci + build tools	~250 MB	amd64, arm64

“ ☐ Docker automatically pulls the right arch for your platform. Build on a Mac, deploy on an ARM server — same tag, native speed everywhere.

“ **Note:** The Deno Alpine image uses `alpine:edge` to get the official musl-compiled Deno from the community repository.

What every image includes

Feature	Detail
tini	PID 1 init — proper signal forwarding & zombie reaping
NVM	v0.40.1 — works in <code>RUN</code> , <code>docker exec</code> , CI scripts, interactive shells
Node.js	LTS v24.13.0 (default, switchable)
docker-entrypoint.sh	Loads NVM at runtime so <code>docker run ... bash -c "nvm use 22"</code> just works

☐ Key Features

☐ NVM — Zero-Config Node Version Management

NVM is pre-wired into every shell context. No manual sourcing required in any of these scenarios:

Dockerfile RUN commands (via the `bash-with-nvm` SHELL wrapper):

```
FROM code.foss.global/host.today/ht-docker-node:latest
```

```
# Works directly – no sourcing needed!
```

```
RUN nvm install 22 && nvm use 22 && npm ci
RUN nvm alias default 22 # persists for later RUN steps
```

CI/CD scripts (via `BASH_ENV=/etc/bash.bashrc`):

```
# Gitea / GitLab CI
test:
  image: code.foss.global/host.today/ht-docker-node:latest
  script:
    - nvm install 22 && nvm use 22
    - pnpm ci && pnpm test
```

Interactive shells and `docker exec`:

```
docker exec -it mycontainer bash
$ nvm ls # lists installed versions
$ nvm install 20 # installs Node 20
$ nvm use 20 # switches immediately
```

“ ⚠ **Note on version persistence across RUN steps:** Each Dockerfile `RUN` starts a new shell. Use `nvm alias default <version>` to persist your choice, or chain commands in a single `RUN`.

☐ tini — Proper Init for Containers

All images use [tini](#) as PID 1:

```
tini → docker-entrypoint.sh → your command
```

This means:

- ☐ Signals (SIGTERM, SIGINT) are forwarded correctly to your app
- ☐ Zombie processes are reaped automatically
- ☐ Clean container shutdown — no orphaned processes

☐ Chromium (Ubuntu `:latest` only)

Puppeteer and Playwright work out of the box:

```
const browser = await puppeteer.launch(); // uses /usr/bin/chromium-browser
```

Environment variables `PUPPETEER_EXECUTABLE_PATH` and `CHROME_BIN` are pre-set. Multi-arch compatible (amd64 + arm64).

☐ Alpine — Production Optimized

```
FROM code.foss.global/host.today/ht-docker-node:alpine-node
```

```
RUN nvm install 22 && nvm use 22
```

```
RUN pnpm install && pnpm build
```

```
# Result: ~200 MB image
```

Why Alpine?

- ☐ **60-75 % smaller** → Faster pulls, faster deploys
- ☐ **Reduced attack surface** → Fewer packages = fewer CVEs
- ☐ **Native musl builds** → No glibc compatibility layer
- ☐ **Multi-arch** → Same tag works on x64 and ARM64

☐ Usage Examples

Basic Node.js App

```
FROM code.foss.global/host.today/ht-docker-node:alpine-node
```

```
WORKDIR /app
```

```
COPY package*.json ./
```

```
RUN pnpm install
```

```
COPY . .
```

```
RUN pnpm build
```

```
EXPOSE 3000
```

```
CMD ["node", "dist/index.js"]
```

Multi-Version Testing

```
FROM code.foss.global/host.today/ht-docker-node:latest

WORKDIR /app
COPY package*.json ./

RUN nvm install 20 && nvm use 20 && npm ci && npm test
RUN nvm install 22 && nvm use 22 && npm ci && npm test

# Ship with Node 22
RUN nvm alias default 22 && npm run build
```

Deno Application

```
FROM code.foss.global/host.today/ht-docker-node:alpine-deno

WORKDIR /app
COPY . .

# Deno and Node.js are both available
CMD ["deno", "run", "--allow-net", "main.ts"]
```

Bun for Ultra-Fast Installs

```
FROM code.foss.global/host.today/ht-docker-node:alpine-bun

WORKDIR /app
COPY package.json bun.lockb ./
RUN bun install

COPY . .
RUN bun run build
CMD ["bun", "run", "start"]
```

TypeScript Multi-Stage Build

```
# Build stage
FROM code.foss.global/host.today/ht-docker-node:alpine-node AS builder
WORKDIR /app
COPY package*.json ./
RUN pnpm install
COPY tsconfig.json ./
COPY src ./src
RUN pnpm build

# Production stage – only runtime deps
FROM code.foss.global/host.today/ht-docker-node:alpine-node
WORKDIR /app
COPY package*.json ./
RUN pnpm install --prod
COPY --from=builder /app/dist ./dist
EXPOSE 3000
CMD ["node", "dist/index.js"]
```

Production-Hardened Setup

```
FROM code.foss.global/host.today/ht-docker-node:alpine-node

# Non-root user
RUN addgroup -g 1001 -S nodejs && adduser -S nodejs -u 1001

WORKDIR /app
COPY package*.json ./
RUN pnpm install --frozen-lockfile && pnpm cache clean

COPY --chown=nodejs:nodejs . .
RUN pnpm build

USER nodejs
EXPOSE 3000
CMD ["node", "dist/index.js"]
```

☐☐ NVM Cheat Sheet

```
# Install a specific version
nvm install 22.5.0

# Use a version (current shell)
nvm use 22

# Set default (persists across shells / RUN steps)
nvm alias default 22

# Install and switch to latest LTS
nvm install --lts && nvm use --lts

# List installed versions
nvm ls

# Chain in a single Dockerfile RUN
RUN nvm install 22 && nvm use 22 && npm ci && npm test
```

☐☐ Building the Images

This project uses [@git.zone/tsdocker](https://github.com/git-zone/tsdocker) for Docker image management.

```
# Install tsdocker
pnpm install -g @git.zone/tsdocker@latest

# Discover all Dockerfiles and their tags
tsdocker list

# Build all images (multi-arch: amd64 + arm64)
tsdocker build

# Run all test scripts
tsdocker test
```

```
# Push to a specific registry
tsdocker push code.foss.global
```

Manual Build (single image)

```
docker buildx build \
  --platform linux/amd64,linux/arm64 \
  -f Dockerfile_alpine-node \
  -t your-registry/your-image:alpine-node \
  --push .
```

Image Dependency Chain

Some images depend on others being in the registry first:

```
Dockerfile (:latest) → Dockerfile_lts (:lts)
                        → Dockerfile_szci (:szci)
                          → Dockerfile_fossglobal_preinstalled_*
(:fossglobal_preinstalled_<ver>)

Dockerfile_alpine-node (:alpine-node)
                        → Dockerfile_alpine-szci (:alpine-szci)
```

The standalone Alpine images (`:alpine-bun`, `:alpine-deno`) have no registry dependencies.

Image Comparison

Feature	Ubuntu <code>:latest</code>	Alpine <code>:alpine-node</code>
Base Size	~900 MB	~200 MB
Build Tools	☐ Full (gcc, g++, make, python3)	⚠ Install separately (<code>apk add build-base</code>)
Chromium	☐ Pre-installed	☐
MongoDB	☐ 8.0	☐
Runtimes	Node + Bun + Deno + pnpm	Node + pnpm

Feature	Ubuntu <code>:latest</code>	Alpine <code>:alpine-node</code>
Compatibility	☐ Maximum (glibc)	☐ Good (musl)
Multi-arch	☐ amd64, arm64	☐ amd64, arm64
tini init	☐	☐
Best for	Complex builds, E2E tests, full-stack dev	Production, CI/CD, microservices

☐ Troubleshooting

NVM command not found

Shouldn't happen in our images, but if it does:

```
export NVM_DIR="/usr/local/nvm"  
[ -s "$NVM_DIR/nvm.sh" ] && . "$NVM_DIR/nvm.sh"
```

Alpine native module build failures

Some npm packages require native build tools:

```
FROM code.foss.global/host.today/ht-docker-node:alpine-node  
RUN apk add --no-cache python3 make g++  
RUN pnpm install
```

Or use `:alpine-szci` which ships with build tools pre-installed.

Version not persisting across RUN steps

Each Dockerfile `RUN` creates a new shell. Use `nvm alias default`:

```
RUN nvm install 22 && nvm alias default 22  
RUN node -v # ☐ v22.x.x
```

📁 Links

- **Source Code:** code.foss.global/host.today/ht-docker-node
 - **NVM:** github.com/nvm-sh/nvm
 - **tini:** github.com/krallin/tini
 - **tsdocker:** code.foss.global/git.zone/tsdocker
 - **Alpine Linux:** alpinelinux.org
 - **Node.js Unofficial Builds:** unofficial-builds.nodejs.org (musl support)
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