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Lab Exercise 4- Working with Docker Networking

Step 1: Understanding Docker Default Networks

Docker provides three default networks:

- bridge: The default network when a container starts.
- host: Bypasses Docker's network isolation and attaches the container directly to the host network.
- none: No networking is available for the container.

1.1. Inspect Default Networks

Check Docker's default networks using:

```
docker network ls
```



NETWORK ID	NAME	DRIVER	SCOPE
ac25be573b9b	bridge	bridge	local
5baec11479bc	host	host	local
5c9757e832e4	none	null	local

1.2. Inspect the Bridge Network

```
docker network inspect bridged
```

```
(base) → ~ docker network inspect bridge
[
  {
    "Name": "bridge",
    "Id": "ac25be573b9b53a39d273788e4a4e7467a951b7219da78151cdd0568966be86a",
    "Created": "2024-09-13T02:17:01.686213458Z",
    "Scope": "local",
    "Driver": "bridge",
    "EnableIPv6": false,
    "IPAM": {
      "Driver": "default",
      "Options": null,
      "Config": [
        {
          "Subnet": "172.17.0.0/16",
          "Gateway": "172.17.0.1"
        }
      ]
    },
    "Internal": false,
    "Attachable": false,
    "Ingress": false,
    "ConfigFrom": {
      "Network": ""
    },
    "ConfigOnly": false,
    "Containers": {},
    "Options": {
      "com.docker.network.bridge.default_bridge": "true",
      "com.docker.network.bridge.enable_icc": "true",
      "com.docker.network.bridge.enable_ip_masquerade": "true",
      "com.docker.network.bridge.host_binding_ipv4": "0.0.0.0",
      "com.docker.network.bridge.name": "docker0",
      "com.docker.network.driver.mtu": "65535"
    },
    "Labels": {}
  }
]
(base) → ~ _
```

This command will show detailed information about the bridge network, including the connected containers and IP address ranges.

Step 2: Create and Use a Bridge Network

2.1. Create a User-Defined Bridge Network

A user-defined bridge network allows containers to communicate by name instead of IP.

```
docker network create bridgeBhavesh
```

```
(base) → ~ docker network create bridgeBhavesh
a0bb3a8aa804081ba0542b5df71e00cf586ec7a70f871d48784324f5e7422aae
(base) → ~ _
```

2.2. Run Containers on the User-Defined Network

Start two containers on the newly created my_bridge network:

```
docker run -dit --name container1 --network my_bridge busybox
```

```
docker run -dit --name container2 --network my_bridge busybox
```

```
(base) → ~ docker run -dit --name contBhavesh1 --network bridgeBhavesh busybox
Unable to find image 'busybox:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from library/busybox
835f85a6d665: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:c230832bd3b0be59a6c47ed64294f9ce71e91b327957920b6929a0caa8353140
Status: Downloaded newer image for busybox:latest
62cd28006882c3b0c162262396e43913a0c2e2d36bfff904f7de24e4b90fdeb6
(base) → ~ docker run -dit --name contBhavesh2 --network bridgeBhavesh busybox
3dbdf243cb9a74e2de384d0df4d682e62ed193968d5460680e67d4cdc0de7528
(base) → ~ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND   CREATED   STATUS    PORTS   NAMES
3dbdf243cb9a   busybox   "sh"      5 seconds ago    Up 4 seconds           contBhavesh2
62cd28006882   busybox   "sh"      35 seconds ago   Up 34 seconds          contBhavesh1
(base) → ~ _
```

2.3. Test Container Communication

Execute a ping command from container1 to container2 using container names:

```
docker exec -it container1 ping container2

(base) → ~ docker exec -it contBhaves1 ping contBhaves2
PING contBhaves2 (172.18.0.3): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=0 ttl=64 time=1.177 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.230 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.231 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.259 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.300 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.400 ms
^C
--- contBhaves2 ping statistics ---
6 packets transmitted, 6 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 0.230/0.432/1.177 ms
(base) → ~ _
```

The containers should be able to communicate since they are on the same network.

Step 3: Create and Use a Host Network

3.1. Run a Container Using the Host Network

The host network allows the container to use the host machine's networking stack:

```
docker run -d --name host_network_container --network host nginx

(base) → ~ docker run -d --name hostContBhaves1 --network host nginx
ab053707774e69cd43d9bfefd715f92c080ccabc67a7d9655bdaf5f57348b8b3
(base) → ~ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS   NAMES
ab053707774e   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint..." 2 seconds ago  Up 1 second   -       hostContBhaves1
3dbdf243cb9a   busybox  "sh"                     31 minutes ago  Up 31 minutes  -       contBhaves2
62cd28006882   busybox  "sh"                     32 minutes ago  Up 32 minutes  -       contBhaves1
(base) → ~ _
```

Access the NGINX server via localhost:80 in your browser to verify the container is using the host network.

3.2. Check Network

docker network inspect host

```
(base) → ~ docker network inspect host
[
  {
    "Name": "host",
    "Id": "5baec11479bc7e04d6a630bf0aa8242e039111343d817a9b567d89ebafcab3e2",
    "Created": "2023-11-04T09:07:35.683854167Z",
    "Scope": "local",
    "Driver": "host",
    "EnableIPv6": false,
    "IPAM": {
      "Driver": "default",
      "Options": null,
      "Config": []
    },
    "Internal": false,
    "Attachable": false,
    "Ingress": false,
    "ConfigFrom": {
      "Network": ""
    },
    "ConfigOnly": false,
    "Containers": {
      "ab053707774e69cd43d9bfefd715f92c080ccabc67a7d9655bdaf5f57348b8b3": {
        "Name": "hostContBhavesh",
        "EndpointID": "ece9fc824581dc24b98c5f065830b53352ed493b0a20de5ac2c466bc64dc71a1",
        "MacAddress": "",
        "IPv4Address": "",
        "IPv6Address": ""
      }
    },
    "Options": {},
    "Labels": {}
  }
]
(base) → ~ _
```

Step 4: Disconnect and Remove Networks

4.1. Disconnect Containers from Networks

To disconnect container1 from my_bridge:

```
docker network disconnect my_bridge container1
```

4.2. Remove Networks

To remove the user-defined network:

```
docker network rm my_bridge
```

```
(base) → ~ docker network disconnect bridgeBhavesh contBhavesh2
(base) → ~ docker network rm bridgeBhavesh
bridgeBhavesh
(base) → ~ docker network ls
NETWORK ID        NAME                DRIVER            SCOPE
ac25be573b9b      bridge             bridge            local
5baec11479bc      host               host              local
5c9757e832e4      none              null              local
(base) → ~ _
```

Step 5: Clean Up

Stop and remove all containers created during this exercise:

```
docker rm -f container1 container2 host_network_container
```

```
(base) → ~ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED    STATUS    PORTS    NAMES
ab053707774e   nginx    "/docker-entrypoint...." 6 minutes ago Up 6 minutes             hostContBhavesh
3dbdf243cb9a   busybox   "sh"                    37 minutes ago Up 37 minutes             contBhavesh2
62cd28006882   busybox   "sh"                    38 minutes ago Up 15 seconds             contBhavesh1
(base) → ~ docker container stop 3db
3db
(base) → ~ docker container stop 62c
62c
(base) → ~ docker container stop ab0
ab0
(base) → ~ docker rm -f 3db 62c ab0
3db
62c
ab0
(base) → ~ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED    STATUS    PORTS    NAMES
(base) → ~ _
```