

Appl Containerization and Orchestration

Experiment 4

AIM: Working with Docker Network

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Steps to Complete:

Check list of available network

docker network ls

```
alpha — -zsh — 80×26
alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro ~ % docker network ls
NETWORK ID
              NAME
                        DRIVER
                                  SCOPE
6e6c1993eee7
              bridge
                        bridge
                                  local
f4487d0338c0
              host
                        host
                                  local
e30decc32533
              net1
                        bridge
                                  local
711f97318438
              none
                        null
                                  local
alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro ~ %
```

Step 1 - Create Network

The first step is to create a network using the CLI. This network will allow us to attach multiple containers which will be able to discover each other.

In this example, we're going to start by creating a backend-network. All containers attached to our backend will be on this network.

Task: Create Network

To start with we create the network with our predefined name.

docker network create backend-network

```
alpha — -zsh — 80×26
alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro ~ % docker network create backend-network
08de22337a0d3215e408bba103074265bd30a38bfdb3698094fdfe1675ff4702
alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro ~ % docker network ls
NETWORK ID
                                 DRIVER
              NAME
                                           SCOPE
08de22337a0d
              backend-network
                                           local
                                 bridge
6e6c1993eee7
              bridge
                                bridge
                                           local
f4487d0338c0
              host
                                host
                                           local
e30decc32533
              net1
                                 bridge
                                           local
711f97318438
              none
                                 null
                                           local
alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro ~ %
```

Task: Connect To Network

When we launch new containers, we can use the --net attribute to assign which network they should be connected to.

docker run -d --name=redis --net=backend-network redis

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[alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro ~ % docker run -d --name=redis --net=backend-network redis
Unable to find image 'redis:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from library/redis
5b1423465504: Pull complete
4216a986e3df: Pull complete
64dfe9963acc: Pull complete
697894d6d055: Pull complete
b9381c45e088: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:495732ba570db6a3626370a1fb949e98273a13d41eb3e26f7ecb1f6e31ad4041
Status: Downloaded newer image for redis:latest
f26a84c354971dba038507d6b795a0d96c697dbde873c0171c0692650011196d
```

In the next step we'll explore the state of the network.

Step 2 - Network Communication

Unlike using links, docker network behave like traditional networks where nodes can be attached/detached.

Task: Explore

The first thing you'll notice is that Docker no longer assigns environment variables or updates the hosts file of containers. Explore using the following two commands and you'll notice it no longer mentions other containers.

|docker run --net=backend-network alpine ping -cl redis|

```
[alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro ~ % docker run --net=backend-network alpine ping -c 10 redis PING redis (172.20.0.2): 56 data bytes 64 bytes from 172.20.0.2: seq=0 ttl=64 time=0.281 ms 64 bytes from 172.20.0.2: seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.243 ms 64 bytes from 172.20.0.2: seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.243 ms 64 bytes from 172.20.0.2: seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.239 ms 64 bytes from 172.20.0.2: seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.235 ms 64 bytes from 172.20.0.2: seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.238 ms 64 bytes from 172.20.0.2: seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.218 ms 64 bytes from 172.20.0.2: seq=6 ttl=64 time=0.218 ms 64 bytes from 172.20.0.2: seq=7 ttl=64 time=0.226 ms 64 bytes from 172.20.0.2: seq=8 ttl=64 time=0.226 ms 64 bytes from 172.20.0.2: seq=9 ttl=64 time=0.299 ms 64 bytes from 172.20.0.2: seq=9 ttl=64 time=0.299 ms 65 bytes from 172.20.0.2: seq=9 ttl=64 time=0.299 ms 66 bytes from 172.20.0.2: seq=9 ttl=64 time=0.299 ms 66 bytes from 172.20.0.2: seq=9 ttl=64 time=0.299 ms 67 bytes from 172.20.0.2: seq=9 bytes from 172.2
```

Step 3 - Connect Two Containers

Docker supports multiple networks and containers being attached to more than one network at a time.

For example, let's create a separate network with a Node.js application that communicates with our existing Redis instance.

Task

The first task is to create a new network in the same way.

docker network create frontend-network

```
alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro ~ % docker network create forntend-network
962ecc576e534efd9eee0f1d00fba49199b3a5d1858e701493f8af9e7171430c
alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro ~ % docker network ls
NETWORK ID
               NAME
                                   DRIVER
                                              SCOPE
08de22337a0d
               backend-network
                                   bridge
                                              local
6e6c1993eee7
               bridge
                                   bridge
                                             local
962ecc576e53
               forntend-network
                                   bridge
                                              local
f4487d0338c0
                                             local
               host
                                   host
e30decc32533
               net1
                                   bridge
                                              local
711f97318438
                                   null
                                              local
               none
alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro ~ %
```

When using the connect command it is possible to attach existing containers to the network.

docker network connect frontend-network redis

```
alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro \sim % docker network connect frontend-network redialpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro \sim %
```

When we launch the web server, given it's attached to the same network it will be able to communicate with our Redis instance.

|docker run -d -p 3000:3000 --net=frontend-network katacoda/redis-node-docker-example|

You can test it using curl docker:3000

```
[alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro ~ % docker run -d -p 3000:3000 --net=frontend-network katacoda/redis-node-docker-example
Unable to find image 'katacoda/redis-node-docker-example: latest' locally
latest: Pulling from katacoda/redis-node-docker-example
Image docker.io/katacoda/redis-node-docker-example: latest uses outdated schema1 manifest format. Please upgrade to a schema2 image for better future comp.
//docs.docker.com/registry/spec/deprecated-schema-v1/
12b41071e6ce: Pull complete
a3ed95caeb02: Pull complete
43e052sh7e3: Pull complete
479a025sh7e3: Pull complete
ea8c1f781cde: Pull complete
ea8c1f781cde: Pull complete
ed8c1f781cde: Pull complete
446b13034c13: Pull complete
446b13034c13: Pull complete
45b1303rda2ae: Pull complete
45b1303rda2ae: Pull complete
45b1303rda2ae: Pull complete
45b1303rda2ae: Pull complete
46b13034c13: Pull complete
47b1303rda2ae: Pull complete
48b1303rda2ae: Pull complete
48b1303
```

Step 4 - Create Aliases

Links are still supported when using docker network and provide a way to define an Alias to the container name. This will give the container an extra DNS entry name and way to be discovered. When using --link the embedded DNS will guarantee that localised lookup result only on that container where the --link is used.

The other approach is to provide an alias when connecting a container to a network.

Connect Container with Alias

The following command will connect our Redis instance to the frontend-network with the alias of db.

```
docker network create frontend-network2
docker network connect —alias db frontend-network2 redis
```

```
alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro ~ % docker network create frontend-network2
fae901fc212913a142552fe14dcc9330294eaf9e8d763850de9a59bfad4200e1
alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro ~ % docker network connect —alias db frontend-network2 redis
"docker network connect" requires exactly 2 arguments.
See 'docker network connect --help'.

Usage: docker network connect [OPTIONS] NETWORK CONTAINER

Connect a container to a network
alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro ~ % docker network connect --alias db frontend-network2 redis
alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro ~ %
```

When containers attempt to access a service via the name db, they will be given the IP address of our Redis container.

|docker run --net=frontend-network2 alpine ping -cl db

```
alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro ~ % docker run --net=frontend-network2 alpine ping -c 5 db PING db (172.23.0.2): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 172.23.0.2: seq=0 ttl=64 time=0.079 ms
64 bytes from 172.23.0.2: seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.255 ms
64 bytes from 172.23.0.2: seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.278 ms
64 bytes from 172.23.0.2: seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.292 ms
64 bytes from 172.23.0.2: seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.265 ms

--- db ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 0.079/0.233/0.292 ms
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```

Step 5 - Disconnect Containers

With our networks created, we can use the CLI to explore the details.

The following command will list all the networks on our host.

docker network Is

NETWORK ID	NAME	DRIVER	SCOPE
08de22337a0d	backend-network	bridge	local
6e6c1993eee7	bridge	bridge	local
962ecc576e53	forntend-network	bridge	local
874948c9c40f	frontend-network	bridge	local
fae901fc2129	frontend-network2	bridge	local
f4487d0338c0	host	host	local
e30decc32533	net1	bridge	local
711f97318438	none	null	local
alpha@Akhands	-MacBook-Pro ~ %		

We can then explore the network to see which containers are attached and their IP addresses.

|docker network inspect frontend-network|

```
alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro ~ % docker network inspect frontend-network
            "Name": "frontend-network",
"Id": "874948c9c40f82602b21aa4886ab2c4d14b19164447fe33678c47a89127b30c0",
            "Created": "2022-09-13T08:59:55.431959501Z",
"Scope": "local",
"Driver": "bridge",
"EnableIPv6": false,
            "IPAM": {
                  "Driver": "default",
"Options": {},
"Config": [
                               "Subnet": "172.22.0.0/16", 
"Gateway": "172.22.0.1"
                  1
            },
"Internal": false,
'lo": fals
            "Attachable": false,
"Ingress": false,
            "ConfigFrom": {
    "Network": ""
            },
"ConfigOnly": false,
". /
             "Containers": {
                   "e3385ed84717f443a1e5d3042b35808167200a8b3a4bc87777969f533dd5336f": {
                        "Name": "bold_sinoussi",
"EndpointID": "9f429341bb61eca96269962d9684bc7a6730a6f17a12c04e6d81717d40041737",
"MacAddress": "02:42:ac:16:00:03",
"IPv4Address": "172.22.0.3/16",
"IPv6Address": ""
                  },
"f26a84c354971dba038507d6b795a0d96c697dbde873c0171c0692650011196d": {
                         "Name": "redis",
                        "EndpointID": "1d0167994507afdcdd3ece70a5aecb820cc8229b9e85c1c85113c0cde5b47c6e",
"MacAddress": "02:42:ac:16:00:02",
"IPv4Address": "172.22.0.2/16",
"IPv6Address": ""
            },
"Options": {},
"Labels": {}
alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro ~ %
```

The following command disconnects the redis container from the frontend-network.

docker network disconnect frontend-network redis

```
alpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro \sim % docker network disconnect frontend-network redisalpha@Akhands-MacBook-Pro \sim % \square
```