# 🤯 Docker Networking: Stop the Confusion!

Ever wonder how your Docker containers talk to each other?

## 1. What is Docker Networking?

It's how containers communicate with each other, the host, and the internet.

ⓘ Containers = people

Networks = their language!

## 2. Why It Matters

- 🔄 Container-to-container communication (e.g., web app ↔️ database)
- 🌍 Internet access from containers
- 🔒 Enhanced security via isolation
- ⚡ Scalability for microservices

## 3. Default Docker Networks

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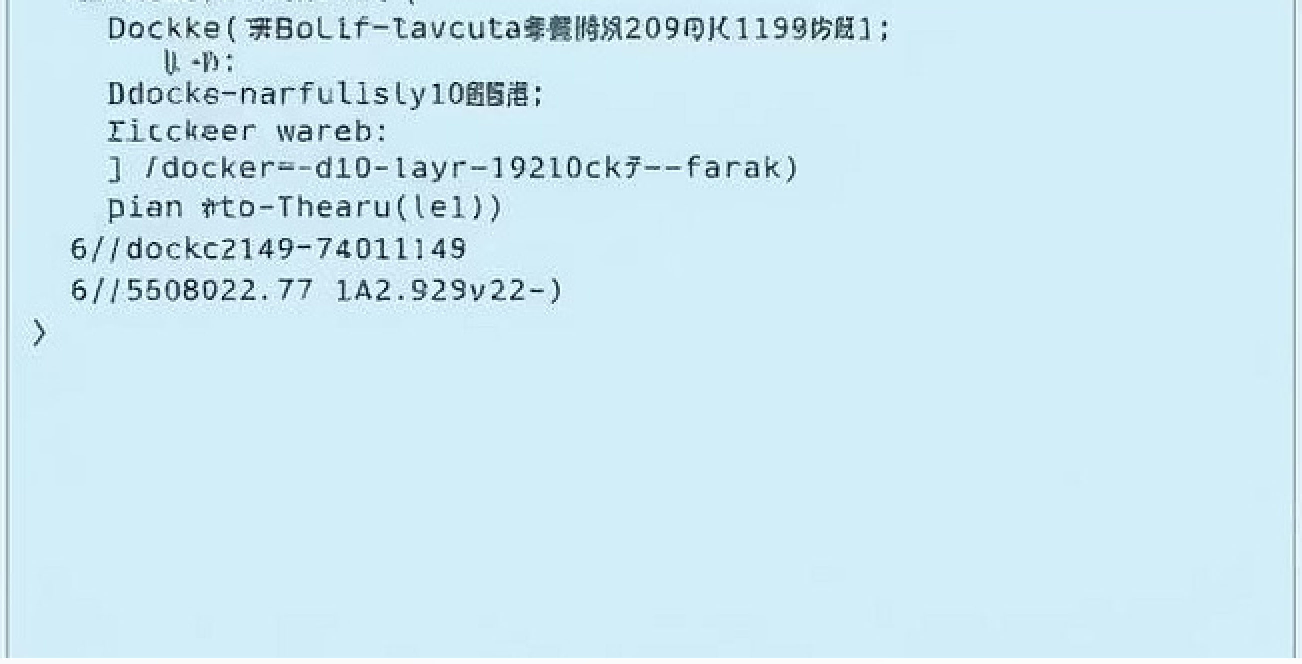
| **bridge** | Default for containers | General use, single-host |
| **host** | Shares host's network stack | High-performance |
| **none** | No network | Isolated containers |



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## 4. Essential Network Commands

`docker network ls`

List all networks

`docker network inspect`

Show network details

`docker network create`

Create a new network

## 5. Bridge Network Example

### Step 1: Create custom network

```
docker network create my_network
```

### Step 2: Run containers in it

```
docker run -dit --name c1 --network my_network
alpine ash
```

```
docker run -dit --name c2 --network my_network
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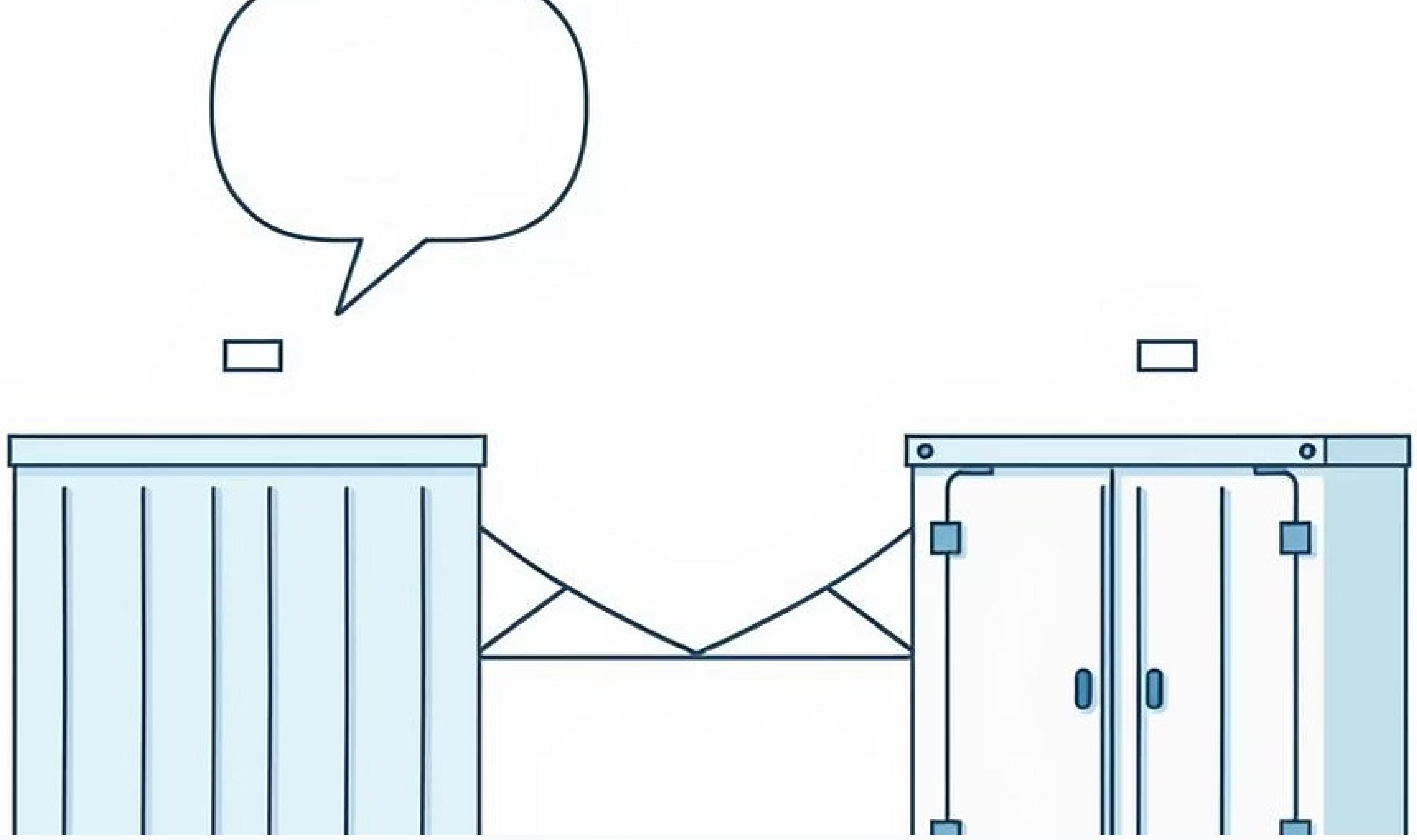

# 6. Containers Talking!

## Step 3: Ping between containers

```
docker exec -it c1 ping c2
```

🎉 They can now communicate!

## 7. Real-World Use Case

Connect a web app to a database on a custom network.

```
docker run -d --name mydb --network app_net mysql
```

```
docker run -d --name myapp --network app_net myapp_image
```

`myapp` can talk to `mydb` via its hostname!

## 8. Best Practices

### ✅ Custom Networks

Always use them for apps.

### ✅ Use Names

Container names, not IPs.

### ✅ Isolate Services

Protect sensitive data (DBs).

### ✅ Clean Up

`docker network prune` to clear unused networks.

## 🔥 Final Takeaway

Docker networking transforms isolated containers into a powerful ecosystem of connected microservices.

Without it, containers live alone. With it, they thrive together.

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