

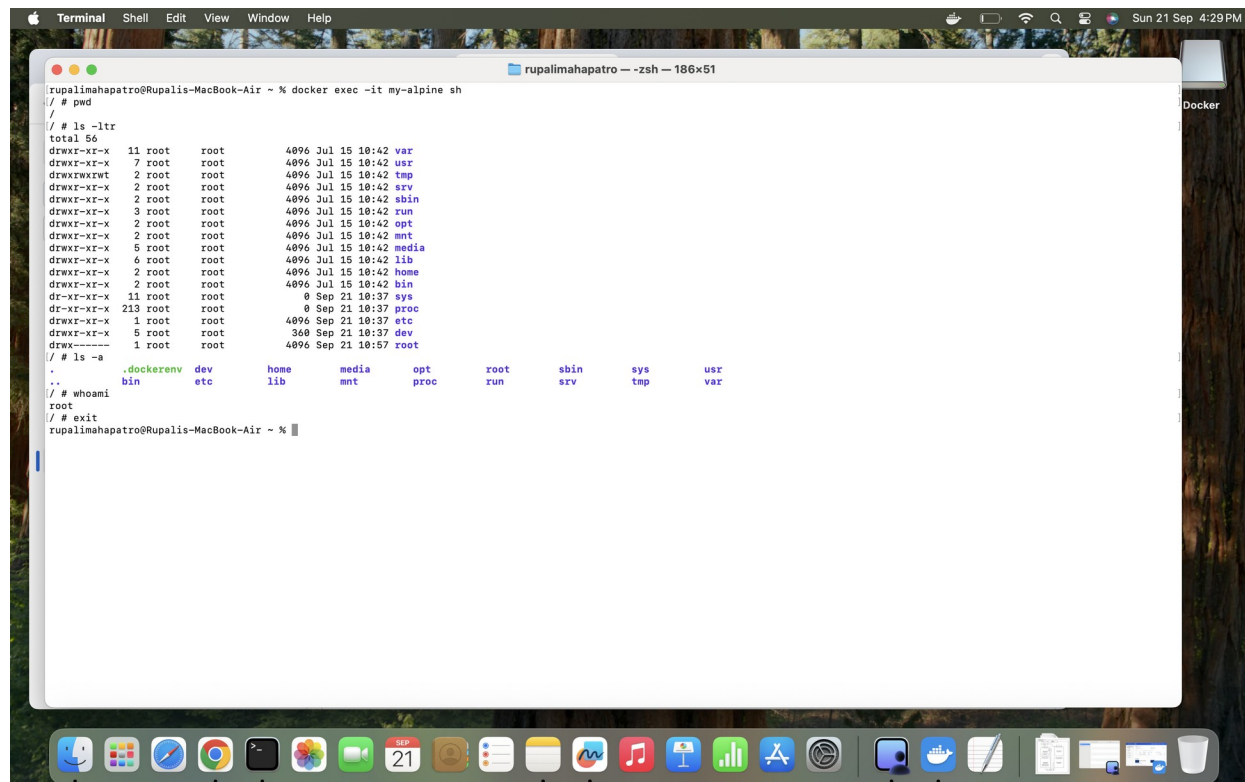
1. What's the difference between `docker ps` and `docker ps -a`?

When we run `docker ps`, it will list all the containers which are currently running whereas `docker ps -a` will list all the containers irrespective of it's state (running/stopped etc)

1. Why are Alpine and BusyBox images so small?

Because they don't have a full OS. It includes only core libraries. Also, they share resources with the host kernel.

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rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker exec -it my-alpine sh
/ # pwd
/
/ # ls -ltr
total 56
drwxr-xr-x 11 root root      4096 Jul 15 18:42 var
drwxr-xr-x  7 root root      4096 Jul 15 18:42 usr
drwxrwxrwt  2 root root      4096 Jul 15 18:42 tmp
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root      4096 Jul 15 18:42 srv
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root      4096 Jul 15 18:42 sbin
drwxr-xr-x  3 root root      4096 Jul 15 18:42 run
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root      4096 Jul 15 18:42 opt
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root      4096 Jul 15 18:42 mnt
drwxr-xr-x  5 root root      4096 Jul 15 18:42 media
drwxr-xr-x  6 root root      4096 Jul 15 18:42 lib
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root      4096 Jul 15 18:42 home
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root      4096 Jul 15 18:42 bin
dr-xr-xr-x 11 root root         0 Sep 21 18:37 sys
dr-xr-xr-x Z13 root root         0 Sep 21 18:37 proc
drwxr-xr-x  1 root root      4096 Sep 21 18:37 etc
drwxr-xr-x  5 root root      360 Sep 21 18:37 dev
drwxr----- 1 root root      4096 Sep 21 18:57 root
/ # ls -a
.          .dockerenv dev      home    media  opt    root  sbin  sys  usr
..         bin       etc     lib    mnt    proc  run  srv  tmp  var
/ # whoami
root
/ # exit
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ %
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drwxr-xr-x 5 root root 360 Sep 21 10:37 dev
drwx----- 1 root root 4096 Sep 21 10:57 root
// # exit
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % clear

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// # pwd
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// # ls -ltr
total 56
drwxr-xr-x 11 root root 4096 Jul 15 10:42 var
drwxr-xr-x 7 root root 4096 Jul 15 10:42 usr
drwxrwxrwt 2 root root 4096 Jul 15 10:42 tmp
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jul 15 10:42 srv
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jul 15 10:42 sbin
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Jul 15 10:42 run
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jul 15 10:42 opt
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jul 15 10:42 mnt
drwxr-xr-x 5 root root 4096 Jul 15 10:42 media
drwxr-xr-x 6 root root 4096 Jul 15 10:42 lib
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jul 15 10:42 home
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jul 15 10:42 bin
dt-xr-xr-x 11 root root 0 Sep 21 10:37 sys
dr-xr-xr-x 213 root root 0 Sep 21 10:37 proc
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Sep 21 10:37 etc
drwxr-xr-x 5 root root 360 Sep 21 10:37 dev
drwx----- 1 root root 4096 Sep 21 10:57 root
// # ls -la
. .dockerenv dev home media opt root sbin sys usr
.. bin etc lib mnt proc run srv tmp var
// # whoami
root
// # exit
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES
e31d6633cb5b busybox "sh" 23 minutes ago Up 23 minutes my-busybox
48f6ca74c16d alpine "/bin/sh" 23 minutes ago Up 23 minutes my-alpine
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker stop e31d6633cb5b
e31d6633cb5b
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES
48f6ca74c16d alpine "/bin/sh" 24 minutes ago Up 24 minutes my-alpine
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker ps -a
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES
e31d6633cb5b busybox "sh" 23 minutes ago Exited (137) 11 seconds ago my-busybox
48f6ca74c16d alpine "/bin/sh" 24 minutes ago Up 24 minutes my-alpine
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker start e31d6633cb5b
e31d6633cb5b
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES
e31d6633cb5b busybox "sh" 23 minutes ago Up 3 seconds my-busybox
48f6ca74c16d alpine "/bin/sh" 24 minutes ago Up 24 minutes my-alpine
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker rm e31d6633cb5b
Error response from daemon: cannot remove container "e31d6633cb5b": container is running: stop the container before removing or force remove
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker rm -f e31d6633cb5b
e31d6633cb5b
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES
48f6ca74c16d alpine "/bin/sh" 24 minutes ago Up 24 minutes my-alpine
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker ps -a
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES
48f6ca74c16d alpine "/bin/sh" 24 minutes ago Up 24 minutes my-alpine
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % █

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rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker run -d --name my-nginx nginx:latest
9a7382b2c89edd872f9f8ece67cdc7fddcd12f5a6cf32c3359fde2e05e52eccd
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker ps
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS PORTS NAMES
9a7382b2c89e nginx:latest "/docker-entrypoint..." 4 seconds ago Up 4 seconds 80/tcp my-nginx
48f6ca74c16d alpine "/bin/sh" 2 hours ago Up 2 hours my-alpine
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker inspect
docker: 'docker inspect' requires at least 1 argument

Usage: docker inspect [OPTIONS] NAME|ID [NAME|ID...]

See 'docker inspect --help' for more information
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker inspect my-nginx
[
  {
    "Id": "9a7382b2c89edd872f9f8ece67cdc7fddcd12f5a6cf32c3359fde2e05e52eccd",
    "Created": "2025-09-21T12:45:49.271621884Z",
    "Path": "/docker-entrypoint.sh",
    "Args": [
      "nginx",
      "-g",
      "daemon off;"
    ],
    "State": {
      "Status": "running",
      "Running": true,
      "Paused": false,
      "Restarting": false,
      "OOMKilled": false,
      "Dead": false,
      "Pid": 2758,
      "ExitCode": 0,
      "Error": "",
      "StartedAt": "2025-09-21T12:45:49.306933009Z",
      "FinishedAt": "0001-01-01T00:00:00Z"
    },
    "Image": "sha256:d5f28ef21aabddd098f3dbc21fe5b7a7d7a184720bc07da9b6c9b9820e97f25e",
    "ResolvConfPath": "/var/lib/docker/containers/9a7382b2c89edd872f9f8ece67cdc7fddcd12f5a6cf32c3359fde2e05e52eccd/resolv.conf",
    "HostnamePath": "/var/lib/docker/containers/9a7382b2c89edd872f9f8ece67cdc7fddcd12f5a6cf32c3359fde2e05e52eccd/hostname",
    "HostsPath": "/var/lib/docker/containers/9a7382b2c89edd872f9f8ece67cdc7fddcd12f5a6cf32c3359fde2e05e52eccd/hosts",
    "LogPath": "/var/lib/docker/containers/9a7382b2c89edd872f9f8ece67cdc7fddcd12f5a6cf32c3359fde2e05e52eccd/9a7382b2c89edd872f9f8ece67cdc7fddcd12f5a6cf32c3359fde2e05e52eccd-json.log",
    "Name": "/my-nginx",
    "RestartCount": 0,
    "Driver": "overlayfs",
    "Platform": "linux",
    "MountLabel": "",
    "ProcessLabel": "",
    "AppArmorProfile": "",
    "ExecIDs": null,
    "HostConfig": {
      "Binds": null,
      "ContainerIDFile": "",
      "LogConfig": {
        "Type": "json-file",
        "Config": {}
      },
      "NetworkMode": "bridge",
      "PortBindings": {},
      "RestartPolicy": {
        "Name": "no",
        "MaximumRetryCount": 0
      }
    }
  }
]

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    }
  }
}
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker exec -it my-nginx curl localhost:80
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<html>
<head>
<title>Welcome to nginx!</title>
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<p><em>Thank you for using nginx.</em></p>
</body>
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rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % curl localhost:80
curl: (7) Failed to connect to localhost port 80 after 0 ms: Couldn't connect to server
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS        NAMES
9a7382b2c89e   nginx:latest   "/docker-entrypoint..." 2 minutes ago   Up 2 minutes   80/tcp        my-nginx
48f6ca74c16d   alpine        "/bin/sh"                2 hours ago    Up 2 hours           my-alpine
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker rm -f my-nginx
my-nginx
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CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS        NAMES
48f6ca74c16d   alpine        "/bin/sh"                2 hours ago    Up 2 hours           my-alpine
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker run -d -p 8080:80 --name my-nginx nginx:latest
Unable to find image 'nginx:latest' locally
docker: Error response from daemon: pull access denied for nginx, repository does not exist or may require 'docker login'

Run 'docker run --help' for more information
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CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS        NAMES
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Unable to find image '8080:80' locally
docker: Error response from daemon: pull access denied for 8080, repository does not exist or may require 'docker login'

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rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker run -d -p 8080:80 --name my-nginx nginx:latest
13e9933fe4b928bfd31a2387e2105ca5affab59acfeeb34772fe800ec131e18
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE     COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS        NAMES
13e9933fe4b9   nginx:latest   "/docker-entrypoint..." 3 seconds ago   Up 3 seconds   0.0.0.0:8080->80/tcp, [::]:8080->80/tcp   my-nginx
48f6ca74c16d   alpine        "/bin/sh"                2 hours ago    Up 2 hours           my-alpine
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % █
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<p><em>Thank you for using nginx.</em></p>
</body>
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rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % curl localhost:80
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13e9933fe4b928bfd31a2387e2105ca5affab59acfeeb34772fe800ec131e18
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</body>
</html>
rupalimahapatro@Rupalis-MacBook-Air ~ % █
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Run 'docker run --help' for more information
rupalimahapatro@Rupaliis-MacBook-Air ~ % docker run -it --network my-network --name client alpine sh
/ # ping web-server
PING web-server (172.18.0.2): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 172.18.0.2: seq=0 ttl=64 time=0.177 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.2: seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.254 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.2: seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.286 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.2: seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.195 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.2: seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.259 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.2: seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.244 ms
^C
--- web-server ping statistics ---
6 packets transmitted, 6 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 0.177/0.222/0.259 ms
/ # wget -w0- http://web-server
wget: unrecognized option: w
BusyBox v1.37.0 (2025-05-26 20:04:45 UTC) multi-call binary.

Usage: wget [-cqS] [--spider] [-O FILE] [-o LOGFILE] [--header STR]
        [--post-data STR] [--post-file FILE] [-Y on/off]
        [-P DIR] [-U AGENT] [-T SEC] URL...

Retrieve files via HTTP or FTP

--spider          Only check URL existence: $? is 0 if exists
--header STR      Add STR (of form 'header: value') to headers
--post-data STR   Send STR using POST method
--post-file FILE  Send FILE using POST method
-c               Continue retrieval of aborted transfer
-q               Quiet
-P DIR            Save to DIR (default .)
-S               Show server response
-T SEC           Network read timeout is SEC seconds
-O FILE          Save to FILE ('-' for stdout)
-o LOGFILE        Log messages to FILE
-U STR           Use STR for User-Agent header
-Y on/off        Use proxy

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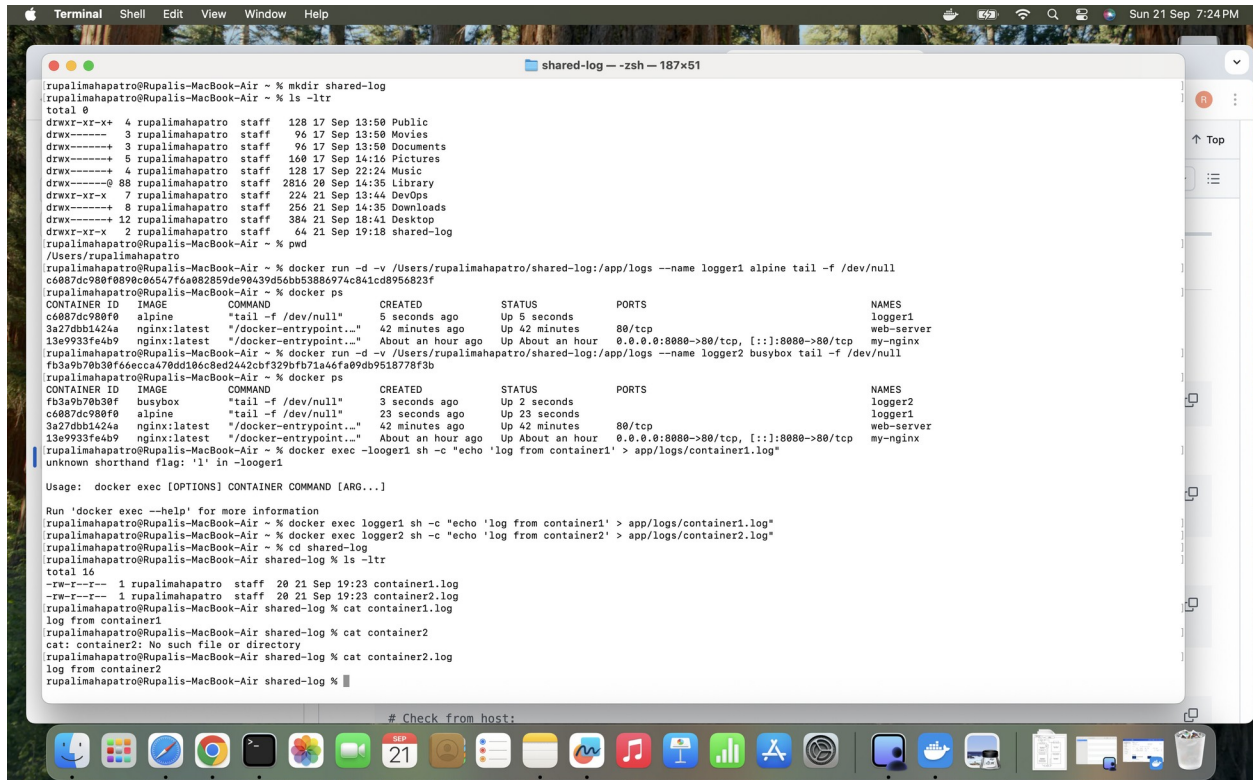
<p><em>Thank you for using nginx.</em></p>
</body>
</html>
/ # exit
rupalimahapatro@Rupaliis-MacBook-Air ~ % █
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9. Why can containers ping each other by name in custom networks but not in the default bridge?

10. What happens when you try to access the web server from your host machine in the custom network?

Containers in a user-defined bridge are not exposed to the host. So, when we tried curl localhost:80 – it failed because port 80 inside the container isn't exposed to the host.

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rupalimahapatro@Rupaliis-MacBook-Air flask-docker-app % ls -ltr
total 24
-rw-r--r--  1 rupalimahapatro  staff   385 21 Sep 21:48 app.py
-rw-r--r--  1 rupalimahapatro  staff   13 21 Sep 21:48 requirements.txt
-rw-r--r--  1 rupalimahapatro  staff  166 21 Sep 21:52 Dockerfile
rupalimahapatro@Rupaliis-MacBook-Air flask-docker-app % docker build -t myflask-app:v1.0 .
[+] Building 2.5s (11/11) FINISHED
=> [internal] load build definition from Dockerfile
=> transferring Dockerfile: 205B
=> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/python:3.11-slim
=> [auth] library/python:pull token for registry-1.docker.io
=> [internal] load dockerignore
=> transferring context: 2B
=> [1/5] FROM docker.io/library/python:3.11-slim@sha256:a9939570b38cddeb861b8e75d20b1c8218b21562b18f30117194b544e8cf228
=> resolve docker.io/library/python:3.11-slim@sha256:a9939570b38cddeb861b8e75d20b1c8218b21562b18f30117194b544e8cf228
=> [internal] load build context
=> transferring context: 63B
=> CACHED [2/5] WORKDIR /app
=> CACHED [3/5] COPY requirements.txt .
=> CACHED [4/5] RUN pip install --no-cache-dir -r requirements.txt
=> CACHED [5/5] COPY app.py .
=> exporting layers
=> exporting manifest sha256:d4d78d1388d453fbc7ab2323fcl1be7a1a48d3c6b299a6c39f6b389d9d3b3d
=> exporting config sha256:c194c94d6713c162c0337eb5af2d4e0dd0b0e8e5348f32bb148568dd138a
=> exporting attestation manifest sha256:a9a25efcd73ad054c680ee69b2260d6882d4fc7677a3979288759b5ac948
=> exporting manifest list sha256:460b37174b59247b5eb14add280e73ec36a5144683125f869a62d6eb3be3375e
=> naming to docker.io/library/myflask-app:v1.0
=> unpacking to docker.io/library/myflask-app:v1.0
rupalimahapatro@Rupaliis-MacBook-Air flask-docker-app % docker image ls
REPOSITORY   TAG       IMAGE ID       CREATED        SIZE
myflask-app  v1.0      460b37174b59   8 minutes ago  234MB
nginx        latest    d5f28ef21aab   5 weeks ago   281MB
alpine       latest    4bcff63911fc   2 months ago  13.3MB
busybox      latest    d82f458899c9   11 months ago 6.21MB
rupalimahapatro@Rupaliis-MacBook-Air flask-docker-app % docker run -d -p 5000:5000 --name flask-app myflaskapp:v1.0
Unable to find image 'myflaskapp:v1.0' locally
docker: Error response from daemon: pull access denied for myflaskapp, repository does not exist or may require 'docker login'
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Run 'docker run --help' for more information
rupalimahapatro@Rupaliis-MacBook-Air flask-docker-app % docker run -d -p 5000:5000 --name flask-app myflask-app:v1.0
00c8c07edc4bed3a12d430f62631391813bfa3778a53f9d2405f592adc9fc3
rupalimahapatro@Rupaliis-MacBook-Air flask-docker-app % docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE          COMMAND                  CREATED        STATUS        PORTS                    NAMES
00c8c07edc4b   myflask-app:v1.0  "python app.py"         3 seconds ago Up 3 seconds   0.0.0.0:5000->5000/tcp, [::]:5000->5000/tcp   flask-app
6a9832f6bae9   nginx:latest    "/docker-entrypoint..." 17 minutes ago Up 17 minutes   80/tcp                                           data2
09e2dc856767   alpine          "tail -f /dev/null"       20 minutes ago Up 20 minutes                       data1
fb3a9b70b30f   busybox         "tail -f /dev/null"       3 hours ago   Up 3 hours                       logger2
c0807dc908f0   alpine          "tail -f /dev/null"       3 hours ago   Up 3 hours                       logger1
3a27dbb1424a   nginx:latest    "/docker-entrypoint..." 3 hours ago   Up 3 hours   80/tcp                  web-server
13e9933fe4b9   nginx:latest    "/docker-entrypoint..." 4 hours ago   Up 4 hours   0.0.0.0:8080->80/tcp, [::]:8080->80/tcp        my-nginx
rupalimahapatro@Rupaliis-MacBook-Air flask-docker-app % curl localhost:5000
{"container_id": "00c8c07edc4b",
 "message": "Hello from Docker!"}
rupalimahapatro@Rupaliis-MacBook-Air flask-docker-app % curl localhost:5000/health
{"status": "healthy"}
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Reflection Questions -

1. **Container vs VM:** Explain the key differences between Docker containers and virtual machines.

Containers share the resources of the host OS kernel while VM runs on a full OS on top of hypervisor.

Containers are

lightweight in nature as it has only app and dependencies are packaged while VM's are heavy.

Why do containers in custom bridge networks have DNS resolution while default bridge network containers don't?

In Docker's default bridge network, containers can only reach each other by IP, not by name, because Docker doesn't enable DNS there while a custom bridge network, Docker runs an internal DNS (127.0.0.11) that automatically maps container names to their IPs.

When would you choose bind mounts over Docker volumes and vice versa?
when we need our container to directly reflect changes on the host filesystem we use bind mounts while when we want Docker to fully manage the data lifecycle we use Docker volumes.
When would you choose bind mounts over Docker volumes and vice versa?

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. we use volume.

What strategies could you use to reduce Docker image size?

To go for a smaller base image, copy only those things that are needed, install only necessary packages ,

What are three security best practices when building Docker images?

Only to use verified image, install only necessary packages ,

What additional considerations would you need for running containers in production?

Run containers as non-root , define resource limit(CPU.memory etc),
configure load balancers, use of docker volumes.