A concise guide to manage Docker networking — suitable for local setups and project containers.

Basic Network Commands

| Command | Description |

| `docker network ls` | List all Docker networks |

| `docker network inspect < network - name > ` | Inspect details of a network |

| `docker network create <network-name> ` | Create a custom bridge network |

| `docker network rm <network-name> ` | Remove a Docker network |

† Create Custom Networks

Bridge (default type)

docker network create --driver bridge my_bridge_net

Host network (shares host's network)

docker network create --driver host my_host_net

⊘ Connect & Disconnect Containers

Connect container to a specific network

docker network connect < network-name > < container-name >

Disconnect container from a network

docker network disconnect < network-name > < container-name >

Example: Using a Custom Bridge Network

Step 1: Create network

docker network create my_net

Step 2: Run MySQL container

docker run -d --name mysql_container --network my_net mysql

Step 3: Run WordPress container on same network

docker run -d --name wp_container --network my_net wordpress

Inspect Network Details

docker network inspect my_net

Start Container with Specific Network

docker run -d --name nginx_app --network my_net nginx

Get Container IP

docker inspect -f '{{range.NetworkSettings.Networks}}{{.IPAddress}}{{end}}' <container-name>

Advanced: Custom Subnet and Gateway

docker network create \

- --driver=bridge \
- --subnet=192.168.100.0/24\
- --gateway=192.168.100.1 \

my_custom_net

✓ Remove Unused Networks

docker network prune

Debug Networking

docker exec -it <container> ping <other-container-name>

docker exec -it <container> curl <other-container-name>:<port>