

Setup ROS communications between Docker containers:

Run Docker containers with “--network host”, containers created on the same machine will be assigned the same IP address as the host.

Running ROS across multiple machines: <http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials/MultipleMachines>

Note: two machines should be able to ping each other

ROS communications between containers on the same machine:

Launch docker **Container 1**:

```
$ sudo xhost +si:localuser:root
$ sudo docker run --runtime nvidia --network host -it -e DISPLAY=$DISPLAY -v /tmp/.X11-unix/:/tmp/.X11-unix --device=/dev/video0:/dev/video1 liangkailiu/plugin-tensorflow-ros:v5
```

Container 1 uses the host network so it has an IP address 172.17.0.1.

```
root@nvidia-desktop:/# ifconfig
docker0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.17.0.1 netmask 255.255.0.0 broadcast 172.17.255.255
    inet6 fe80::42:cbff:fe1e:42eb prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 02:42:cb:1e:42:eb txqueuelen 0 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 179 bytes 10946 (10.9 KB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 289 bytes 503959 (503.9 KB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

Set ROS master URI on Container 1:

```
root@nvidia-desktop:~# export ROS_MASTER_URI=http://172.17.0.1:11311
```

Launch docker **Container 2**:

```
$ sudo xhost +si:localuser:root
$ sudo docker run --runtime nvidia -it -e DISPLAY=$DISPLAY -v /tmp/.X11-unix/:/tmp/.X11-unix --device=/dev/video0:/dev/video1 liangkailiu/plugin-tensorflow-ros:v1
```

Container 2 is launched without the host network so it has an IP assigned by Docker, which is 172.17.0.2. Container 1 and 2 are in the same local network.

```
root@f0577834616f:/# ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.17.0.2 netmask 255.255.0.0 broadcast 172.17.255.255
    ether 02:42:ac:11:00:02 txqueuelen 0 (Ethernet)
```

```
RX packets 169  bytes 322755 (322.7 KB)
RX errors 0  dropped 0  overruns 0  frame 0
TX packets 116  bytes 9113 (9.1 KB)
TX errors 0  dropped 0  overruns 0  carrier 0  collisions 0
```

Set ROS master URI on Container 2:

```
root@nvidia-desktop:~# export ROS_MASTER_URI=http://172.17.0.1:11311
```

ROS communications between containers on the different machines:

A router is used to connect the two devices together into the same LAN. The setup is the same as the first one.

Container 1:

```
root@nvidia-desktop:/# export ROS_MASTER_URI=http://192.168.0.234:11311
root@nvidia-desktop:/# roslaunch darknet_ros darknet_ros.launch
... logging to
/root/.ros/log/5c596132-a129-11ea-9f5e-00044be58e94/roslaunch-nvidia-desktop-13
8.log
Checking log directory for disk usage. This may take a while.
Press Ctrl-C to interrupt
Done checking log file disk usage. Usage is <1GB.

started roslaunch server http://nvidia-desktop:43619/
...
Loading weights from
/root/catkin_ws/src/darknet_ros/darknet_ros/yolo_network_config/weights/yolov2-
tiny.weights...Done!
Waiting for image.
```

Container 2:

```
root@nvidia-desktop:/# export ROS_MASTER_URI=http://192.168.0.234:11311
root@nvidia-desktop:/# rostopic list
/darknet_ros/bounding_boxes
/darknet_ros/check_for_objects/cancel
/darknet_ros/check_for_objects/feedback
/darknet_ros/check_for_objects/goal
/darknet_ros/check_for_objects/result
/darknet_ros/check_for_objects/status
/darknet_ros/detection_image
/darknet_ros/found_object
/rosout
/rosout_agg
/usb_cam/image_raw
```