

Session 14.

Docker Networking

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Agenda

- Accessing containers
- Linking containers
- Exposing container ports
- Container Routing





Accessing Containers



- If we have a container running in detached mode and exposing the port 3070 to the outside world.

```
# docker run -it -d -p 3070:3070 nodewebapp:v1
```

We can access it at `http://<ip address>:3070`

- To have shell access to container (e.g MySQL), use ***docker exec -it*** command to start a bash shell inside the container:

```
# docker exec -it mysql1 bash
```

```
bash-4.2#
```



Linking Containers



- By linking containers, you provide a secure channel via which Docker containers can communicate to each other.
- Think of a sample web application. You might have a Web Server and a Database Server. When we talk about linking Docker Containers, what we are talking about here is the following:
 - We can launch one Docker container that will be running the Database Server.
 - We will launch the second Docker container (Web Server) with a link flag to the container launched in Step 1. This way, it will be able to talk to the Database Server via the link name.



Linking Containers - Step 1



- Download the images of mysql and wordpress from dockerhub with your account by running these simple commands-

\$ docker pull mysql

\$ docker pull wordpress



Linking Containers - Step 2



- After downloading both images successfully we will run our back-end mysql image by running this command-

```
$ docker run --name demo-mysql -e MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD=your-password -d mysql:latest
```

- Here 'demo-mysql' is the name of our container and 'your-password' is the password of our mysql database. You can change it if you want.



Linking Containers - Step 3



- Now we are going to run our wordpress image and also we will link our wordpress container to mysql container by running this command-

```
$ docker run --name demo-wordpress --link demo-mysql:mysql -p 8082:80 -d wordpress
```

- Here 'demo-wordpress' is the name of our wordpress container. Here we also used `--link` tag to link wordpress container to mysql container.



Linking Containers - Step 4



- Now we can check that both the containers are running correctly by running this command-

\$ docker ps

- Now just open your browser and go to the address localhost:8080. Here you will find the wordpress app running there.
- Now you can configure your wordpress app.



Why Docker Networking



- Containers need to talk to external world.
- Reach Containers from external world to use the service that containers provides.
- Allows Containers to talk to host machine.
- Inter-container connectivity in same host and across hosts.
- Discover services provided by containers automatically.



Goals of Docker Networking?





Container Network Model (CNM)



- It standardizes the steps required to provide networking for containers using multiple network drivers.
- The CNM has interfaces for IPAM plugins and network plugins.
- The IPAM plugin APIs are used to create/delete address pools and allocate/deallocate container IP addresses, whereas the network plugin APIs are used to create/delete networks and add/remove containers from networks.
- A CNM has mainly built on 5 objects: Network Controller, Driver, Network, Endpoint, and Sandbox.



Exposing Container ports



- Add an **EXPOSE** instruction in the Dockerfile
- Use the **–expose** flag at runtime to expose a port
- Use the **-p** flag or **-P** flag in the Docker run string to publish a port



Exposing Docker ports via EXPOSE or –expose



- There are two ways of exposing ports in Docker:
- Including an **EXPOSE** instruction in the Dockerfile
- Using the **–expose** flag at runtime



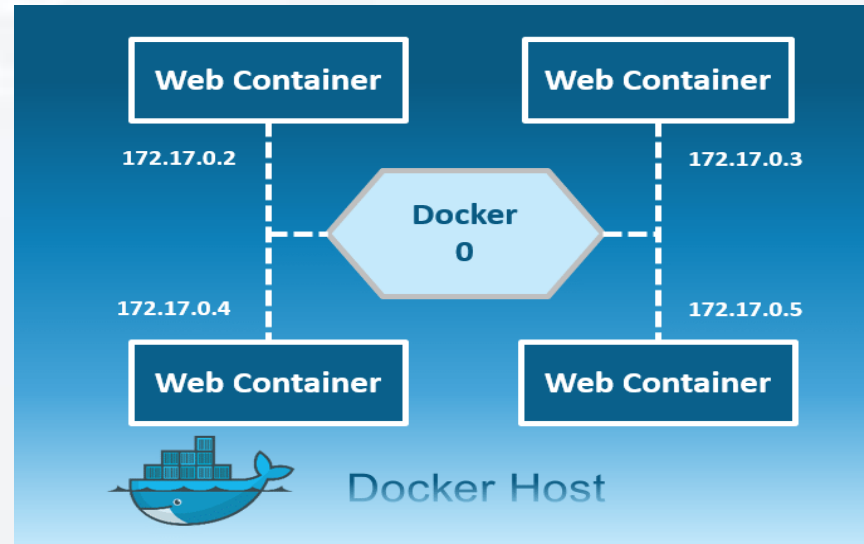
Publishing Docker ports via -P or -p

- There are two ways of publishing ports in Docker:
- Using the **-P** flag - lets you publish all exposed ports to random ports on the host interfaces. It's short for `--publish-all`
- Using the **-p** flag - lets you publish a container's specific port(s) to the Docker host. It's short for `--publish`



Container Routing - Network Drivers

- There are mainly 5 network drivers: Bridge, Host, None, Overlay, Macvlan
- **Bridge:** A private default internal network created by docker on the host.
- So, all containers get an internal IP address to access each other.
- Used when your applications run in standalone containers that need to communicate.

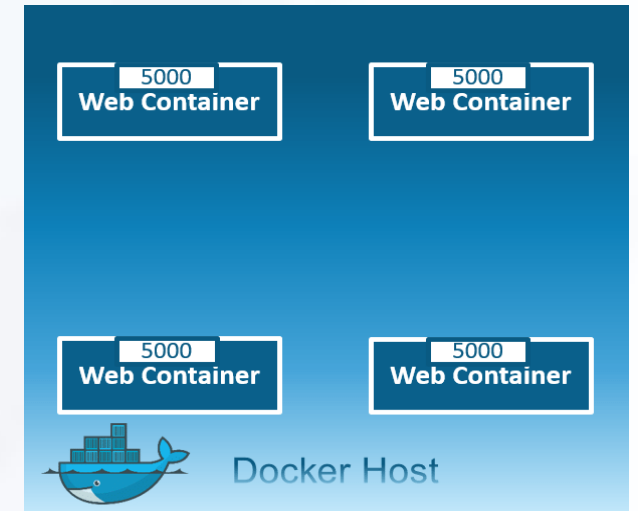




Container Routing - Network Drivers



- **Host:** Removes the network isolation between the docker host and the containers to use the host's networking directly.
- **None:** Containers are not attached to any network and do not have any access to the external network or other containers.

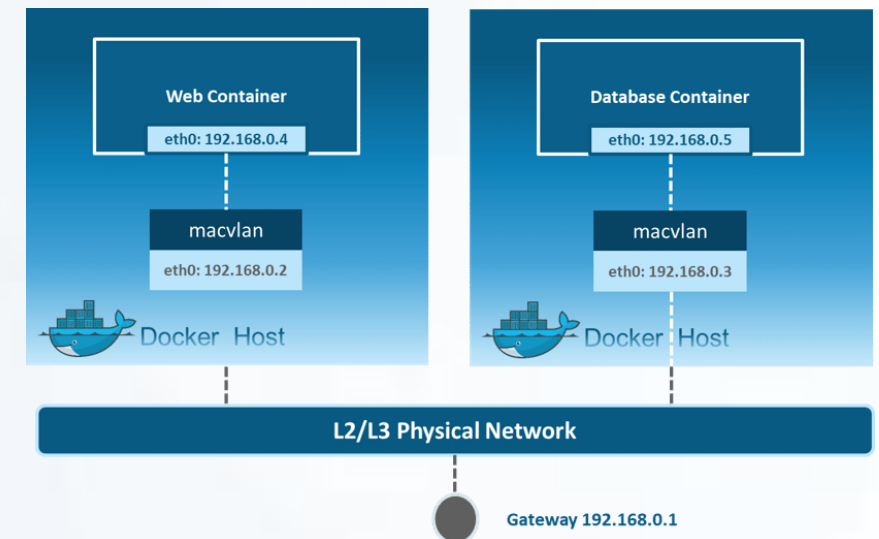
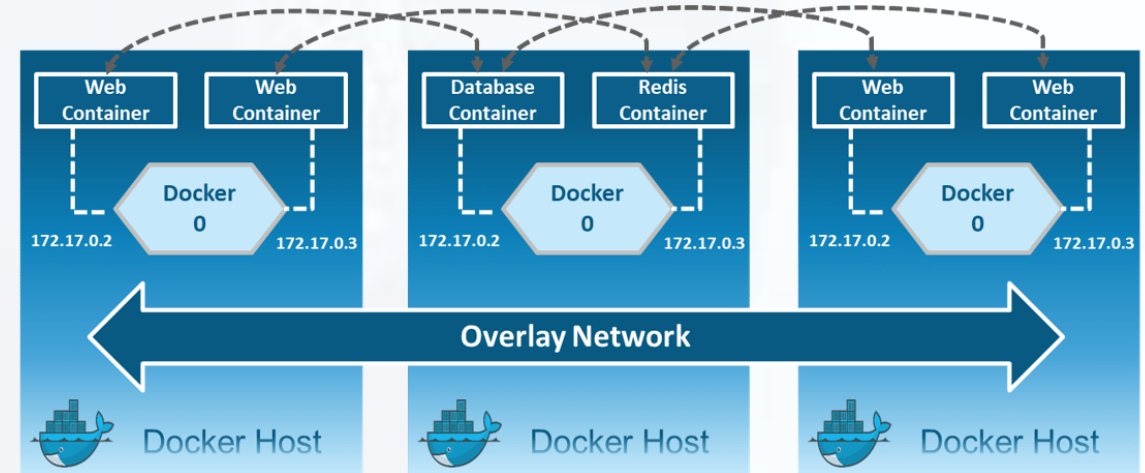




Container Routing - Network Drivers



- **Overlay:** Creates an internal private network that spans across all the nodes participating in the swarm cluster.
- **Macvlan:** Assign a MAC address to a container, making it appear as a physical device on your network. Docker daemon routes traffic to containers by their MAC addresses.





Listing All Docker Networks



- This command can be used to list all the networks associated with Docker on the host.

docker network ls

- The command will output all the networks on the Docker Host.

sudo docker network ls



Inspecting a Docker network

- If you want to see more details on the network associated with Docker, you can use the Docker network inspect command.

docker network inspect networkname

networkname – is the name of the network you need to inspect.

- The command will output all the details about the network.

sudo docker network inspect bridge



Creating Your Own New Network



- One can create a network in Docker before launching containers.

docker network create --driver drivename name

- drivename – is the name used for the network driver.
 - name – is the name given to the network.
- The command will output the long ID for the new network.

sudo docker network create --driver bridge new_nw



Thank You