Docker provides several networking options to allow containers to communicate with each other and with the outside world. The three main types of Docker networks are:

1. **Bridge Network**
2. **Overlay Network**
3. **Host Network**

Let’s go over each one, their use cases, and how to set them up.

**1. Bridge Network**

The **bridge** network is the default network that containers are connected to if no network is specified when they are created. This network allows containers to communicate with each other within the same host using IP addresses or container names.

**Use Case:**

* Ideal for when you want containers on the same Docker host to communicate with each other but remain isolated from external networks.

**Steps to Create and Use Bridge Network:**

1. **Create a custom bridge network** (optional, Docker creates a default bridge network called bridge):

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docker network create --driver bridge my-bridge-network

1. **Run a container and attach it to the bridge network**:

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docker run -d --name container1 --network my-bridge-network nginx

1. **Run another container on the same network**:

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docker run -d --name container2 --network my-bridge-network nginx

1. **Verify the connectivity**: You can exec into one of the containers and ping the other by container name or IP address.

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docker exec -it container1 ping container2

**Notes:**

* Containers connected to the same bridge network can communicate using container names as hostnames.
* Communication is isolated from other bridge networks.

**2. Overlay Network**

The **overlay** network allows containers running on different Docker hosts to communicate with each other. It’s primarily used in Docker Swarm or Kubernetes environments, where containers are distributed across multiple nodes.

**Use Case:**

* Suitable for multi-host communication, typically in a clustered setup (Docker Swarm or Kubernetes).

**Steps to Create and Use Overlay Network (requires Swarm mode):**

1. **Enable Docker Swarm mode** (only needed for overlay networks):

docker swarm init

1. **Create an overlay network**:

docker network create --driver overlay my-overlay-network

1. **Deploy services in the Swarm using the overlay network**:

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docker service create --name web-service --network my-overlay-network nginx

1. **Run another service on the same network**:

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docker service create --name db-service --network my-overlay-network mysql

1. **Verify the connectivity**: Containers (running as part of the services) across different hosts can communicate with each other using container names or service names.

**Notes:**

* Overlay networks can span multiple Docker hosts.
* Requires Docker Swarm (or Kubernetes) for orchestration.
* Containers communicate using an encrypted virtual network.

**3. Host Network**

In the **host** network, the container shares the host’s networking stack. This means the container will use the same IP address as the host and can directly access all network interfaces on the host.

**Use Case:**

* Useful when you want to bypass Docker’s network isolation and have the container use the host’s network directly.
* Commonly used in cases where the container needs low-latency access to the network (e.g., performance-sensitive applications).

**Steps to Create and Use Host Network:**

1. **Run a container using the host network**:

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docker run -d --network host nginx

1. **Verify the connectivity**: Since the container shares the host’s network stack, it will not get its own IP address. The container will use the same IP and ports as the host.

**Notes:**

* The container will not have its own IP address or network namespace.
* If you run multiple containers with the same exposed ports, they can conflict (since they share the host's network).
* Bypasses Docker’s virtual network bridge, so it's faster, but less isolated.

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docker network ls

docker run -itd --rm --name thor busybox

docker run -itd --rm --name mjolnir busybox

docker run -itd --rm --name stormbreaker nginx

bridge link command,

which shows the status of virtual Ethernet (veth) pairs associated

with a Docker bridge network (likely docker0)

bridge link

5: vetha7092ca@if4: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER\_UP> mtu 1500 master docker0 state forwarding priority 32 cost 2

7: veth945757c@if6: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER\_UP> mtu 1500 master docker0 state forwarding priority 32 cost 2

9: veth029fdda@if8: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER\_UP> mtu 1500 master docker0 state forwarding priority 32 cost 2

docker inspect bridge

docker exec -it thor sh

ip add

1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER\_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue qlen 1000

link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00

inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo

valid\_lft forever preferred\_lft forever

4: eth0@if5: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER\_UP,M-DOWN> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue

link/ether 02:42:ac:11:00:02 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff

inet 172.17.0.2/16 brd 172.17.255.255 scope global eth0

valid\_lft forever preferred\_lft forever

ping 172.17.0.3

user defined network

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docker network create asgard

docker run -itd --rm --network asgard --name loki busybox

docker run -itd --rm --network asgard --name odin busybox

bridge link

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12: veth8f25980@if11: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER\_UP> mtu 1500 master br-5031937a7d46 state forwarding priority 32 cost 2

14: veth7219cf2@if13: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER\_UP> mtu 1500 master br-5031937a7d46 state forwarding priority 32 cost 2

Each of these networking types serves different purposes depending on your container deployment

needs. Let me know if you'd like more details on any specific part!

It looks like you're working with Docker networks and containers, inspecting how network interfaces are set up before and after Docker starts. You're also running commands to examine bridge networks and virtual Ethernet (veth) pairs associated with Docker.

Here’s a quick breakdown of what you’re doing:

1. **Before and after Docker starts (ip address show)**:
   * Before starting Docker, you see the system’s regular network interfaces.
   * After Docker starts, additional interfaces associated with Docker (like docker0 bridge) appear.
2. **Listing Docker networks (docker network ls)**:
   * This command shows available Docker networks. By default, Docker creates networks such as bridge, host, and none.
3. **Running Docker containers (docker run)**:
   * You are creating and running containers (thor, mjolnir, stormbreaker) with the --rm flag, ensuring they’re automatically removed when stopped.
4. **Bridge network interfaces (bridge link)**:
   * Shows the status of virtual Ethernet (veth) pairs connected to the docker0 bridge network. These interfaces represent the connection between the containers and the host.
5. **Inspecting the Docker bridge (docker inspect bridge)**:
   * Retrieves detailed information about the bridge network.
6. **Connecting to containers (docker exec)**:
   * You are entering the thor container to inspect its network interface (ip add), revealing the assigned IP address (172.17.0.2) on the eth0 interface.
   * You are pinging another container (172.17.0.3) to check connectivity.
7. **Creating and using a user-defined network (docker network create)**:
   * You created a custom network named asgard, and then ran containers (loki and odin) on this network.
   * The bridge link command shows veth pairs for containers connected to both the default docker0 network and the user-defined asgard network.

This seems to be part of a Docker networking lab or project, where you're examining how containers interact with bridge networks and user-defined networks. Would you like any further clarifications or help with a specific part?

**# 3. Macvlan Network**

The **\*\*macvlan network\*\*** allows containers to appear as physical devices on the network. Each container gets its own MAC address and IP address, making it directly accessible on the physical network.

**### Use Case**

- Suitable for scenarios where containers need to be directly accessible on the physical network.

- Useful for legacy applications that require direct network access.

**### Steps to Create and Use Macvlan Network**

1. **\*\*Create a macvlan network:\*\***

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    docker network create -d macvlan \

         --subnet=192.168.1.0/24 \

         --gateway=192.168.1.1 \

         -o parent=eth0 my-macvlan-network

    ```

2. **\*\*Run containers and attach them to the macvlan network:\*\***

    ```bash

    docker run -itd --rm --network my-macvlan-network --name thor busybox

    docker run -itd --rm --network my-macvlan-network --name mjolnir busybox

    ```

3. **\*\*Verify connectivity between containers and the external network:\*\***

    ```bash

    docker exec -it thor ping 192.168.1.1

    docker exec -it thor ping mjolnir

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**### Notes**

- Containers on a macvlan network are directly accessible on the physical network.

- The parent interface (e.g., `eth0`) must support promiscuous mode.

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Each of these networking types serves different purposes depending on your container deployment needs. Use bridge networks for isolated communication on a single host, user-defined networks for logical grouping, and macvlan networks for direct access to the physical network.

5. **\*\*Check open ports on the host:\*\***

    ```bash

    sudo netstat -tuln

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**### Notes**

- Ensure that the host's firewall rules allow external access to the required ports.

- Use these commands to troubleshoot network issues or verify the host's network configuration.

- For advanced debugging, tools like `tcpdump` or `wireshark` can be used to capture and analyze network traffic.