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## Limit windows container resources

In this blog, we will show you how to limit windows container resources like CPU, memory using docker commands.

## OVERVIEW

We will set CPU and memory usage while creating VM. Likewise, we can also have resource control for windows can configure it using docker commands. It's a function of **docker run** command.

## DOCKER HELP

- ◆ If we run **docker run --help** command there are few flags which help us to configure CPU usage.



```
PS C:\> docker run --help
Usage: docker run [OPTIONS] IMAGE [COMMAND] [ARG...]
Run a command in a new container
Options:
  --add-host list          Add a custom host-to-IP mapping (host:ip) (default [])
  -a, --attach list        Attach to STDIN, STDOUT or STDERR (default [])
  --blkio-weight uint16     Block IO (relative weight), between 10 and 1000, or 0
  --blkio-weight-device weighted-device Block IO weight (relative device weight) (default [])
  --cap-add list           Add Linux capabilities (default [])
  --cap-drop list          Drop Linux capabilities (default [])
  --cgroup-parent string    Optional parent cgroup for the container
  --cidfile string         Write the container ID to the file
  --cpu-count int           CPU count (windows only)
  --cpu-percent int        CPU percent (windows only)
  --cpu-period int         Limit CPU CFS (Completely Fair Scheduler) period
  --cpu-quota int          Limit CPU CFS (Completely Fair Scheduler) quota
  --cpu-rt-period int      Limit CPU real-time period in microseconds
  --cpu-rt-runtime int     Limit CPU real-time runtime in microseconds
  -c, --cpu-shares int     CPU shares (relative weight)
  --cpus decimal           Number of CPUs (default 0.000)
  --cpuset-cpus string     CPUS in which to allow execution (0-3, 0,1)
  --cpuset-mems string     MEMS in which to allow execution (0-3, 0,1)
```

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- ◆ The common flag which we use for windows container is **--cpu-percent int**. It allows you to specify the percent host CPU resources that should be used.
- ◆ In addition to this, there are few flags to specify the memory usage.

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-m, --memory string          Memory limit
--memory-reservation string  Memory soft limit
--memory-swap string         Swap limit equal to memory plus swap: '-1' to enable
--memory-swappiness int      Tune container memory swappiness (0 to 100) (default 0)
```

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- ◆ The common flag which to specify memory is – **memory string**
- ◆ We need to specify the CPU and memory usage while creating the containers. The reason is if a process requires memory if we don't specify these settings while creating the container, it will utilize all the memory in the container.

## SETTING CPU AND MEMORY USAGE

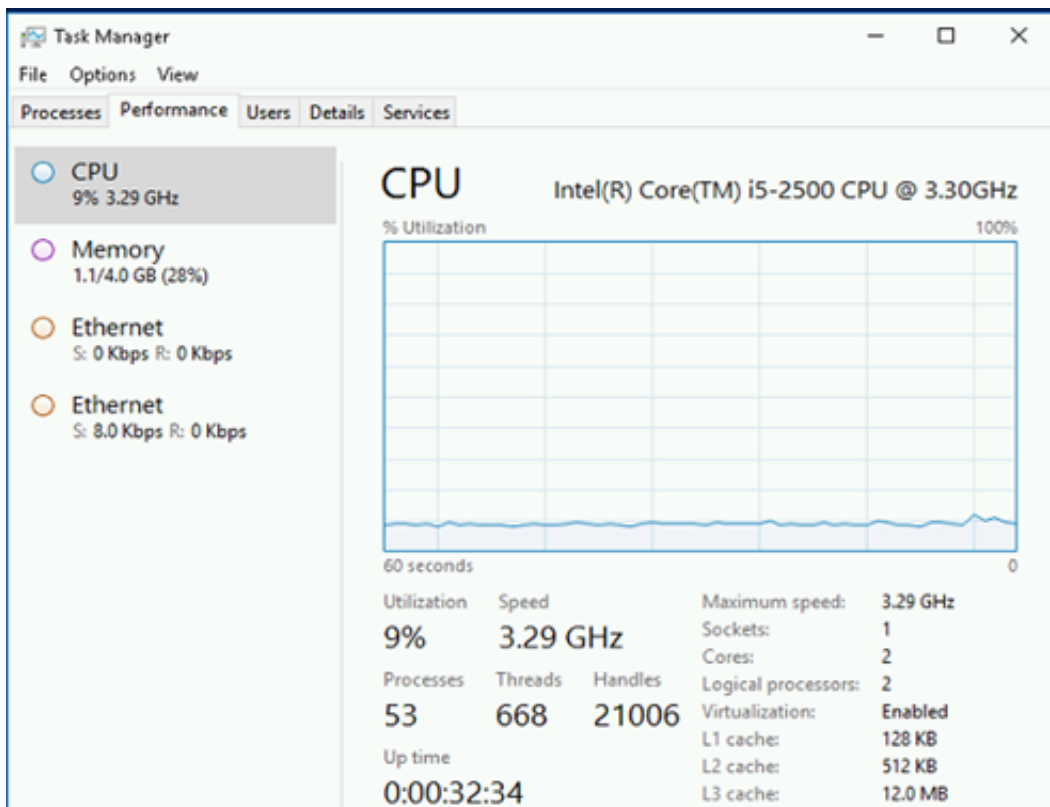
- ◆ To set the CPU and memory usage while creating containers, use the below option.

**docker run -it --memory 1g --cpu-percent 20 microsoft/nanoserver**

```
PS C:\> docker run -it --memory 1g --cpu-percent 20 microsoft/nanoserver_
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- ◆ Earlier the CPU status is



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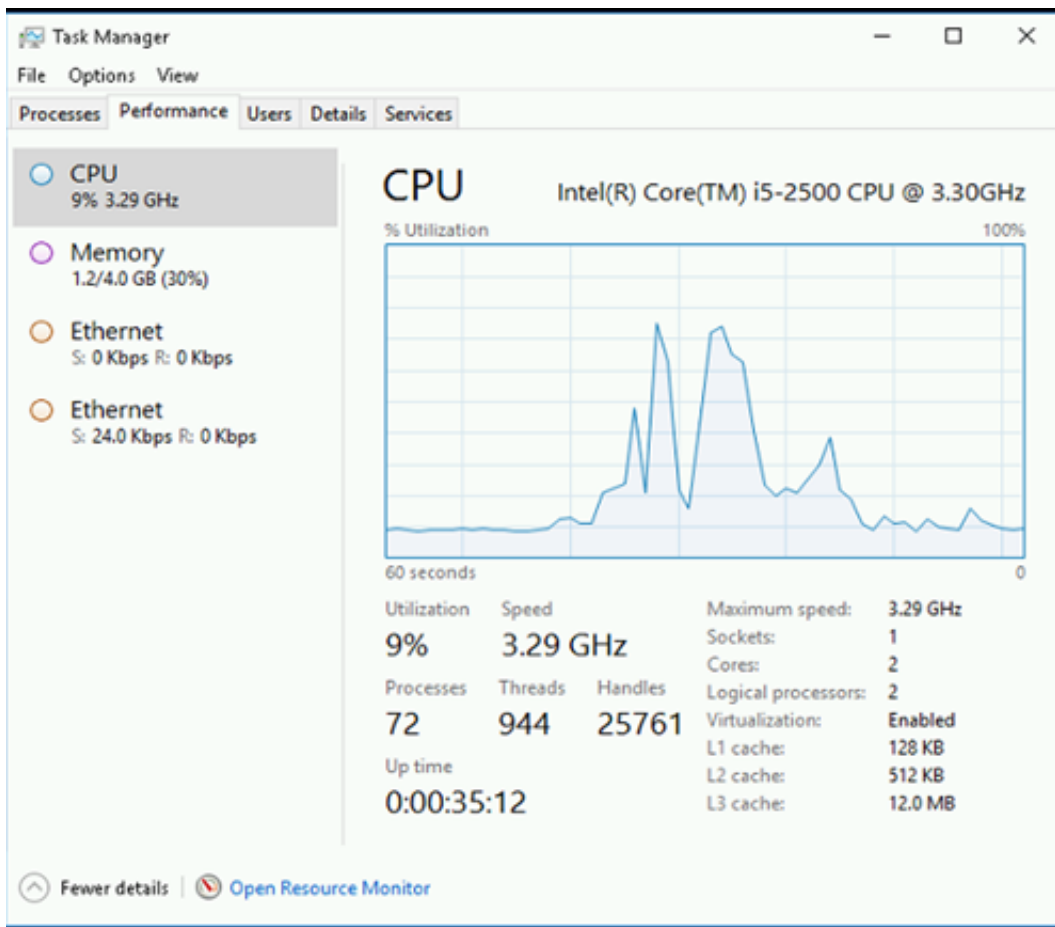


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- ◆ There is not much vary in the CPU & memory performance. So it's not pre-provisioning the resources to the cont allowing the container to use up to 1GB of memory and 20% of CPU.

## VIDEO