

# Lab Exercise 3- Working with Docker Networking

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## Step 1: Understanding Docker Default Networks

Docker provides three default networks:

- bridge: The default network when a container starts.
- host: Bypasses Docker's network isolation and attaches the container directly to the host network.
- none: No networking is available for the container.

### 1.1. Inspect Default Networks

Check Docker's default networks using:

```
docker network ls
```

```
C:\Users\Misha>docker network ls
NETWORK ID      NAME      DRIVER      SCOPE
b52ae519fdc3  bridge    bridge      local
30d0a0b8becd  host      host      local
96005f75baac  none      null      local
```

```
C:\Users\Misha>
```

## 1.2. Inspect the Bridge Network

```
docker network inspect bridge
```

```
C:\Users\Misha>docker network inspect bridge
[{"Name": "bridge", "Id": "b52ae519fdc3ffffa55717551906992b223318fe6b5bedee742c85576e44936c6", "Created": "2026-01-21T04:55:53.075767338Z", "Scope": "local", "Driver": "bridge", "EnableIPv4": true, "EnableIPv6": false, "IPAM": {"Driver": "default", "Options": null, "Config": [{"Subnet": "172.17.0.0/16", "Gateway": "172.17.0.1"}]}, "Internal": false, "Attachable": false, "Ingress": false, "ConfigFrom": {"Network": ""}}
```

This command will show detailed information about the bridge network, including the connected containers and IP address ranges.

## Step 2: Create and Use a Bridge Network

### 2.1. Create a User-Defined Bridge Network

A user-defined bridge network allows containers to communicate by name instead of IP.

```
docker network create my_bridge
```

```
C:\Users\Misha>
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b3d58288dc0b4f85e7b800dd6b9475d80a13c71ee23e809da00007e408be3766
```

### 2.2. Run Containers on the User-Defined Network

Start two containers on the newly created my\_bridge network:

```
docker run -dit --name container1 --network my_bridge busybox
```

```
C:\Users\Misha>docker run -dit --name container1 --network my_bridge busybox
Unable to find image 'busybox:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from library/busybox
e59838ecfec5: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:2383baad1860bbe9d8a7a843775048fd07d8afe292b94bd876df64a69aae7cb1
Status: Downloaded newer image for busybox:latest
e173b968aaa9fa23edb572d95f461e8cbe2649594fcdb49b8ea60ea7083109
```

```
docker run -dit --name container2 --network my_bridge busybox
```

```
e173b968aaa9fa23edb572d95f461e8cbe2649594fcdb49b8ea60ea7083109
C:\Users\Misha>docker run -dit --name container2 --network my_bridge busybox
c8b337e03269fb1e396cce30905e42fc7a0583a8ad7ca642b74c3a1cc9efad90
```

### 2.3. Test Container Communication

Execute a ping command from container1 to container2 using container names:

```
docker exec -it container1 ping container2
```

```
C:\Users\Misha>docker exec -it container1 ping container2
PING container2 (172.18.0.3): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=0 ttl=64 time=0.103 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.102 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.292 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.100 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.080 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.268 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=6 ttl=64 time=0.880 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=7 ttl=64 time=0.205 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=8 ttl=64 time=0.176 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=9 ttl=64 time=0.184 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=10 ttl=64 time=0.218 ms

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64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=272 ttl=64 time=0.138 ms
64 bytes from 172.18.0.3: seq=273 ttl=64 time=0.123 ms
^C
--- container2 ping statistics ---
274 packets transmitted, 274 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 0.054/0.168/1.009 ms

C:\Users\Misha>
```



The containers should be able to communicate since they are on the same network.

### Step 3: Disconnect and Remove Networks

#### 3.1. Disconnect Containers from Networks

To disconnect container1 from my\_bridge:

```
docker network disconnect my_bridge container1
```

```
C:\Users\Misha>docker network rm my_bridge
Error response from daemon: error while removing network: network my_bridge has active endpoints (name:"container2" id:"f7ded14bc439")
exit status 1

C:\Users\Misha>docker rm -f container1 container2
```

#### 4.2. Remove Networks

To remove the user-defined network:

```
docker network rm my_bridge
```

#### **Step 4: Clean Up**

Stop and remove all containers created during this exercise:

```
docker rm -f container1 container2

exit status 1
C:\Users\Misha>docker rm -f container1 container2
container1
container2
C:\Users\Misha>docker network disconnect my_bridge container2
```