

CS23532-COMPUTER NETWORKS-LAB MANUAL Practical -1

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AIM: - Study of various Network commands used in Linux and Windows: BASIC NETWORKING COMMANDS:

arp -a:- ARP is short form of address resolution protocol, It will show the IP address of your computer along with the IP address and MAC address of your router.

hostname: This is the simplest of all TCP/IP commands. It simply displays the name of your computer.

ipconfig /all: This command displays detailed configuration information about your TCP/IP connection including Router, Gateway, DNS, DHCP, and type of Ethernet adapter in your system

nbtstat -a: This command helps solve problems with NetBIOS name resolution. (Nbt stands for NetBIOS over TCP/IP)

netstat: (network statistics) netstat displays a variety of statistics about a computers active TCP/IP connections. It is a command line tool for monitoring network connections both incoming and outgoing as well as viewing routing tables, interface statistics etc. e.g.: netstat -r

nslookup: (name server lookup) is a tool used to perform DNS lookups in Linux. It is used to display DNS details, such as the IP address of a particular computer, the MX records for a domain or the NS servers of a domain. nslookup can operate in two modes: interactive and non-interactive.

e.g.: nslookup www.google.com

pathping: Pathping is unique to Window's, and is basically a combination of the Ping and Tracert commands. Pathping traces the route to the destination address then launches a 25 second test of each router along the way, gathering statistics on the rate of data loss along each hop.

ping: (Packet INternet Groper) command is the best way to test connectivity between two nodes. Ping use ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol) to communicate to other devices.

1. #ping hostname(ping localhost)

2. #ping ip address (ping 4.2.2.2)

3. #ping fully qualified domain name(ping www.facebook.com

Route: route command is used to show/manipulate the IP routing table. It is primarily used to setup static routes to specific host or networks via an interface.

Some important Linux networking commands

1. ip

The ip command is one of the basic commands every administrator will need in daily work, from setting up new systems and assigning IP to troubleshooting existing systems. The ip command can show address information, manipulate routing, plus display network various devices, interfaces, and tunnels.

ip <OPTIONS> <OBJECT> <COMMAND>

Here are some common use cases for the ip command.

- a. To show the IP addresses assigned to an interface on your server:

a. [root@server ~]# *ip address show*

- b. To assign an IP to an interface, for example, **enps03**:

a. [root@server ~]# *ip address add 192.168.1.254/24 dev enps03*

- c. To delete an IP on an interface:

a. [root@server ~]# *ip address del 192.168.1.254/24 dev enps03*

- d. Alter the status of the interface by bringing the interface **eth0** online: [root@server ~]# *ip link set eth0 up*

- e. Alter the status of the interface by bringing the interface **eth0** offline: [root@server ~]# *ip link set eth0 down*

- f. Alter the status of the interface by enabling promiscuous mode for **eth0**: [root@server ~]# *ip link set eth0 promisc on*

- g. Add a default route (for all addresses) via the local gateway 192.168.1.254 that can be reached on device **eth0**:

[root@server ~]# *ip route add default via 192.168.1.254 dev eth0*

- h. Add a route to 192.168.1.0/24 via the gateway at 192.168.1.254:

[root@server ~]# *ip route add 192.168.1.0/24 via 192.168.1.254*

- i. Add a route to 192.168.1.0/24 that can be reached on device **eth0**:

[root@server ~]# *ip route add 192.168.1.0/24 dev eth0*

- j. Delete the route for 192.168.1.0/24 via the gateway at 192.168.1.254: [root@server ~]# *ip route delete 192.168.1.0/24 via 192.168.1.254*

- k. Display the route taken for IP 10.10.1.4:

2. ifconfig

The ifconfig command was/is a staple in many sysadmin's tool belt for configuring and troubleshooting networks. It has since been replaced by the ip command discussed above.

3. mtr

MTR (Matt's traceroute) is a program with a command-line interface that serves as a network diagnostic and troubleshooting tool. This command combines the functionality of the ping and traceroute commands. Just like a traceroute, the mtr command will show the route from a computer to a specified host. mtr provides a lot of statistics about each hop, such as response time and percentage. With the mtr command, you will get more information about the route and be able to see problematic devices along the way. If you see a sudden increase in response time or packet loss, then obviously, there is a bad link somewhere.

The syntax of the command is as follows:

mtr <options> hostname/IP

Let's look at some common use cases.

- a. The basic mtr command shows you the statistics, including each hop (hostnames) with time and loss%:

```
[root@server ~]# mtr google.com
```

- b. Show numeric IP addresses (if you use -g, you will get IP addresses (numbers) instead of hostnames):

```
[root@server ~]# mtr -g google.com
```

- c. Show the numeric IP addresses and hostnames, too:

```
[root@server ~]# mtr -b google.com
```

- d. Set the number of pings that you want to send:

```
[root@server ~]# mtr -c 10 google.com
```

4. tcpdump

The `tcpdump` command is designed for capturing and displaying packets.

You can install `tcpdump` with the command below:

```
[root@server ~]# dnf install -y tcpdump
```

Before starting any capture, you need to know which interfaces `tcpdump` can use. You will need to use sudo or have root access in this case.

```
[root@server ~]# tcpdump -D
```

If you want to capture traffic on **eth0**, you can initiate that with `tcpdump -i eth0` sample output:

```
[root@server ~]# tcpdump -i eth0
```

```
[root@server ~]# tcpdump -i eth0 -c 10
```

Capture traffic to and from one host

You can filter out traffic coming from a specific host. For example, to find traffic coming from and going to 8.8.8.8, use the command:

```
[root@server ~]# tcpdump -i eth0 -c 10 host 8.8.8.8
```

For traffic coming from 8.8.8.8, use:

```
[root@server ~]# tcpdump -i eth0 src host 8.8.8.8
```

For outbound traffic going to 8.8.8.8, use:

```
[root@server ~]# tcpdump -i eth0 dst host 8.8.8.8
```

Capture traffic to and from a network

You can also capture traffic to and from a specific network using the command below: `[root@server ~]# tcpdump -i eth0 net 10.1.0.0 mask 255.255.255.0`

or:

```
[root@server ~]# tcpdump -i eth0 net 10.1.0.0/24
```

Capture traffic to and from port numbers

Capture only DNS port 53 traffic:

```
[root@server ~]# tcpdump -i eth0 port 53
```

For a specific host,

```
[root@server ~]# tcpdump -i eth0 host 8.8.8.8 and port 53
```

To capture only HTTPS traffic,

```
[root@server ~]# tcpdump -i eth0 -c 10 host www.google.com and port 443
```

To capture all port except port 80 and 25,

```
[root@server ~]# tcpdump -i eth0 port not 53 and not 25
```

5. ping

Ping is a tool that verifies IP-level connectivity to another TCP/IP computer by sending Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) Echo Request messages. The receipt of corresponding Echo Reply messages is displayed, along with round-trip times. Ping is the primary TCP/IP command used to troubleshoot connectivity, reachability, and name resolution.

```
[root@server ~]# ping google.com
```

PING google.com (216.58.206.174) 56(84) bytes of data.

```
64 bytes from sof02s27-in-f14.1e100.net (216.58.206.174): icmp_seq=1 ttl=56 time=10.7 ms
```

```
64 bytes from sof02s27-in-f14.1e100.net (216.58.206.174): icmp_seq=2 ttl=56 time=10.2 ms
```

```
64 bytes from sof02s27-in-f14.1e100.net (216.58.206.174): icmp_seq=3 ttl=56 time=10.4 ms
```

^C

You need to stop the ping command by pressing **CTRL+C**. Otherwise, it will ping until you stop it.

If you want to ping a host ten times, use the following command:

```
[root@server ~]# ping -c 10 google.com
```

While pinging a host, you'll find different output from the ping results, including the following three examples.

Destination Host Unreachable

The possible best reason is there is no route from the local host system and to the destination desired destination host, or a remote router reports that it has no route to the destination host.

Request timed out

This result means that no Echo Reply messages were received within the default time of one second or the time that you set while you are pinging that host. This can be due to many different causes; the most common include network congestion, failure of the ARP request, packet filtering/firewall, etc.

Unknown host/Ping Request Could Not Find Host

Maybe you misspelled the hostname or the host does not exist at all in the network.

You must have 0% packet loss for every ping result with a good latency or lower response time. Depending on which transmission medium (UTP, fibre optics cable, Wi Fi) you're using, your latency will differ

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Configuring an Ethernet connection by using nmcli

If you connect a host to the network over Ethernet, you can manage the connection's settings on the command line by using the **nmcli** utility.

Procedure

1. List the NetworkManager connection profiles:

```
# nmcli connection show
```

```
NAME UUID TYPE DEVICE
Wired connection 1 a5eb6490-cc20-3668-81f8-0314a27f3f75
ethernet enp1s0
```

2. # **nmcli connection add con-name <connection-name> ifname <device-name> type ethernet**

Skip this step to modify an existing profile.

3. Optional: Rename the connection profile:

```
# nmcli connection modify "Wired connection 1"
```

Here, “Wired connection 1” is the name of the connection

4. Display the current settings of the connection profile:

```
# nmcli connection show
```

```
connection.interface-name: enp1s0
```

```
connection.autoconnect: yes
```

```
ipv4.method: auto
```

```
ipv6.method: auto
```

```
...
```

5. Configure the IPv4 settings:

- To use DHCP, enter:

```
# nmcli connection modify "Wired connection 1" ipv4.method auto Skip this step if  
ipv4.method is already set to auto (default).
```

- To set a static IPv4 address, network mask, default gateway, DNS servers, and search domain, enter:

```
# nmcli connection modify "Wired connection 1" ipv4.method manual ipv4.addresses  
192.0.2.1/24 ipv4.gateway 192.0.2.254 ipv4.dns 192.0.2.200 ipv4.dns-search  
example.com
```

6. Configure the IPv6 settings:

- To use stateless address autoconfiguration (SLAAC), enter:

```
# nmcli connection modify "Wired connection 1" ipv6.method auto Skip this step if  
ipv6.method is already set to auto (default).
```

- To set a static IPv6 address, network mask, default gateway, DNS servers, and search domain, enter:

```
# nmcli connection modify "Wired connection 1" ipv6.method manual ipv6.addresses  
2001:db8:1::fffe/64 ipv6.gateway 2001:db8:1::fffe ipv6.dns 2001:db8:1::ffbb ipv6.dns-  
search example.com
```

7. Activate the profile:

```
# nmcli connection up Internal-LAN
```

Verification

1. Display the IP settings of the NIC:

```
# ip address show enp1s0
```

```
enp1s0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UP  
group default qlen 1000
```

```
link/ether 52:54:00:17:b8:b6 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
```

```
inet 192.0.2.1/24 brd 192.0.2.255 scope global noprefixroute enp1s0 valid_lft forever  
preferred_lft forever
```

```
inet6 2001:db8:1::fffe/64 scope global noprefixroute
```

```
valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

2. Display the IPv4 default gateway:

```
# ip route show default
```

```
default via 192.0.2.254 dev enp1s0 proto static metric 102
```

3. Display the IPv6 default gateway:

```
# ip -6 route show default
```

default via 2001:db8:1::ffee dev enp1s0 proto static metric 102 pref medium 4. Display the DNS settings:

```
# cat /etc/resolv.conf
```

search example.com

nameserver 192.0.2.200

nameserver 2001:db8:1::ffbb

If multiple connection profiles are active at the same time, the order of nameserver entries depend on the DNS priority values in these profile and the connection types.

5. Use the ping utility to verify that this host can send packets to other hosts: # **ping <host-name-or-IP-address>**

Troubleshooting

- Verify that the network cable is plugged-in to the host and a switch.
- Check whether the link failure exists only on this host or also on other hosts connected to the same switch.
- Verify that the network cable and the network interface are working as expected. Perform hardware diagnosis steps and replace defect cables and network interface cards.
- If the configuration on the disk does not match the configuration on the device, starting or restarting NetworkManager creates an in-memory connection that reflects the configuration of the device.

Student Observation:

1.Which command is used to find the reachability of a host machine from your device?

Ans: Reachability of a host:

The ping command is used to check the reachability of a host machine from your device. It sends ICMP echo requests and measures the response time.

2.Which command will be give the details of hops taken by a packet to reach its destination?

Ans: The traceroute command (or tracert in Windows) shows the path and hops a packet takes to reach its destination.

It helps identify network delays or routing issues.

3.Which commands displays the ip configuration of your machine.

Ans: The ipconfig command (Windows) or ifconfig / ip addr show (Linux) displays your system's IP configuration.

It includes IP address, subnet mask, and default gateway information.

4.Which command displays the TCP port status in your machine?

Ans: The netstat -an command shows active TCP connections and listening ports on your machine.

It helps monitor network activity and troubleshoot connection issues.

5.Write the modify the ip configuration in a Linux machine.

Ans: Use the ifconfig eth0 <IP_address> netmask <subnet_mask> or ip addr add <IP_address>/<prefix> dev eth0 command.

These commands assign a new IP address to a network interface.

RESULT:

Thus the various Network commands used in Linux and Windows has been studied successfully.