Running your own Webserver Theory and Practice

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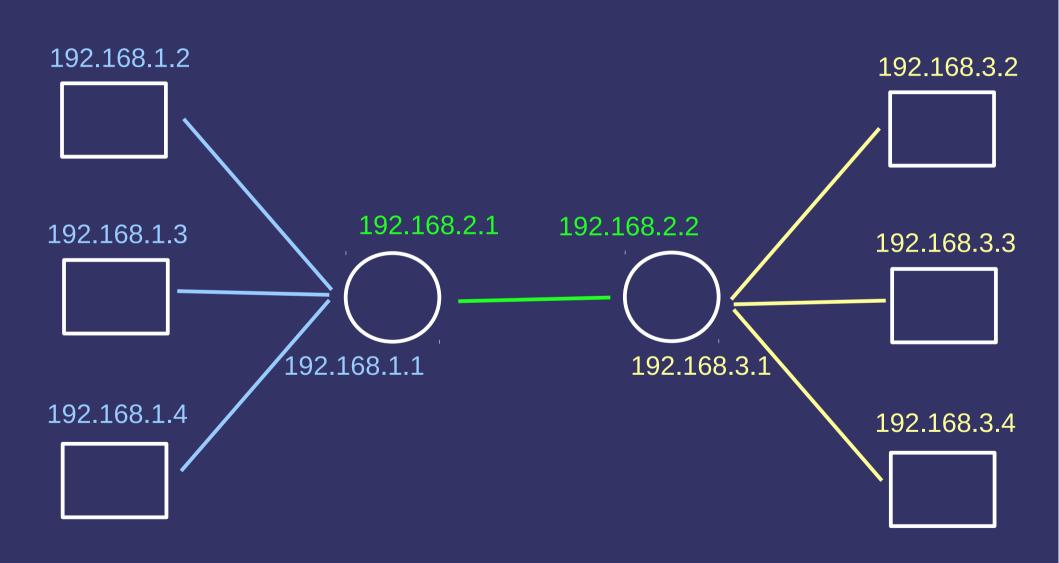
Event Overview

- Presentation:
 - background Internet technology (TCP/IP)
 - background UNIX, Linux and Raspberry Pi
 - practical things
- Workshop: try it yourself

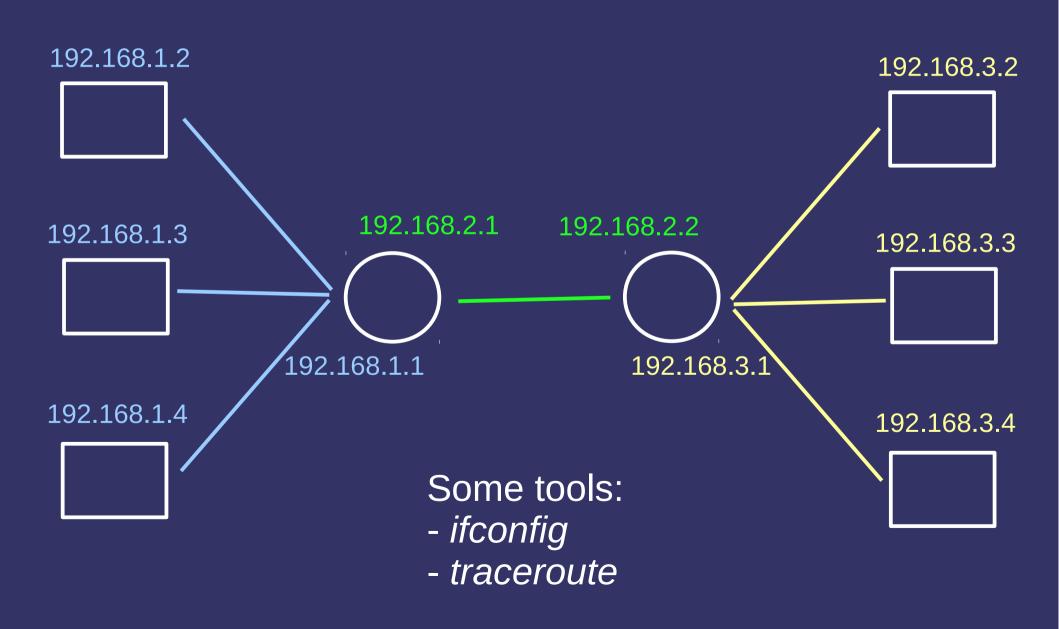
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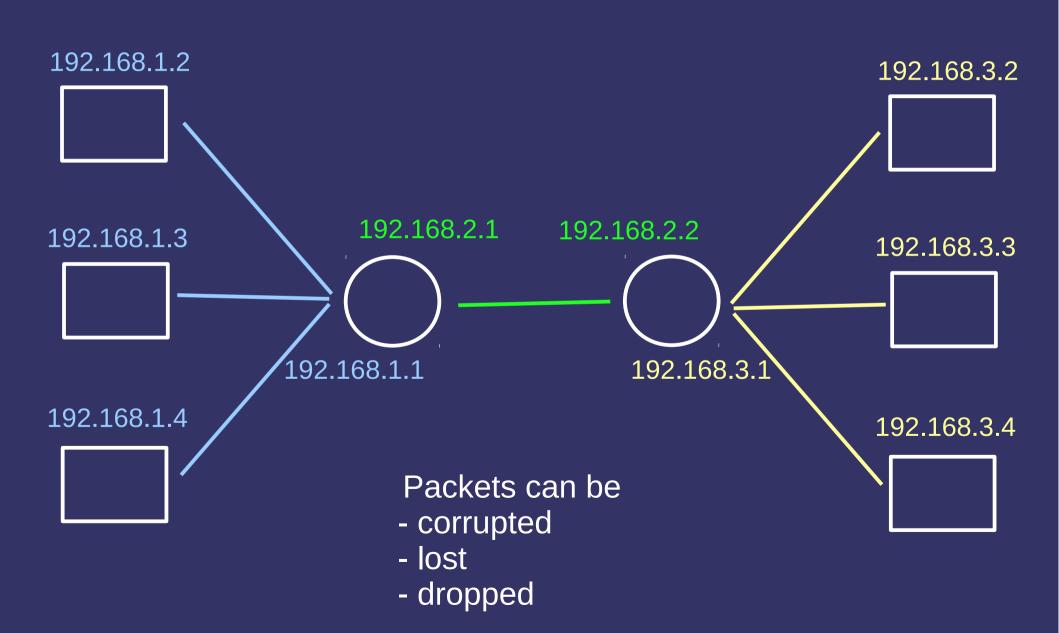
Some tools:

- nslookup
- dig
- host

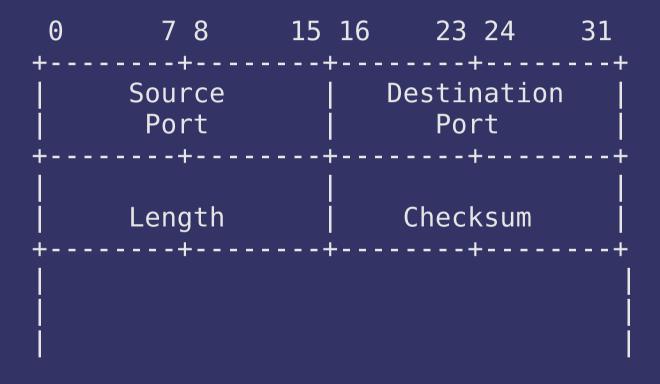
What IP packets look like

```
|Version| IHL |Type of Service|
                   Total Length
|Flags| Fragment Offset
    Identification
Protocol
             l Header Checksum
 Time to Live |
          Source Address
         Destination Address
Options |
                        Padding
```

Problem: IP is unreliable



On top of IP: UDP



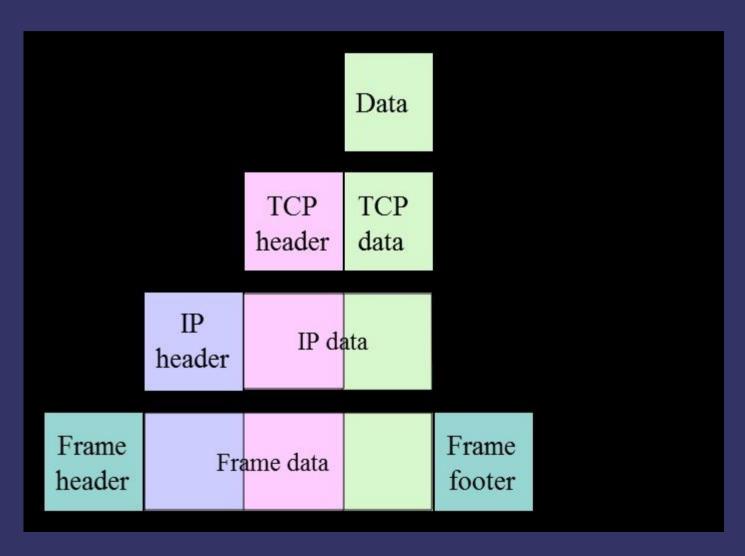
On top of IP: TCP

```
0
                                   Destination Port
           Source Port
                       Sequence Number
                   Acknowledgment Number
    Data
                   |U|A|P|R|S|F
                                       Window
   Offset1
         Reserved
                  |R|C|S|S|Y|I
                   |G|K|H|T|N|N|
            Checksum
                                     Urgent Pointer
                                              Padding
                   Options
                   data
```

Important TCP port numbers

- TELNET: 23 (old school remote login)
- HTTP: 80 (Web)
- SMTP: 25 (sending email)
- SSH: 22 (secure remote login)

TCP/IP protocol stack



More info: TCP/IP Illustrated, vol 1 (Fall & Stevens) or Computer Networks (Tanenbaum)

Next Topic: UNIX



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- Start of Open Source Movement
 - Free Software Foundation (GNU)
 - Minix (Andy Tanenbaum)
 - Linux (Linus Torvalds)

Some practical UNIX commands

```
ls list contents of directory
```

cd change direcory

cp copy file

mv move file

In link to file

rm remove file

cat concaternate file contents

man manual page (RTFM!)

Example redirected I/O: Is -al | tail -n +1 | sort

Where to find what

/bin essential programs

/usr more system resources (read-only)

/etc configuration files

/dev devices (everything is a file)

/home user files

/var logfiles and other system stuff (r/w)

Useful commands: mount, free, du, du | xdu

Processes

- process: program that is running
- each process has a PID (and a parent)
- some processes are daemons (inet, cron, getty, ...)
- useful commands: ps, top

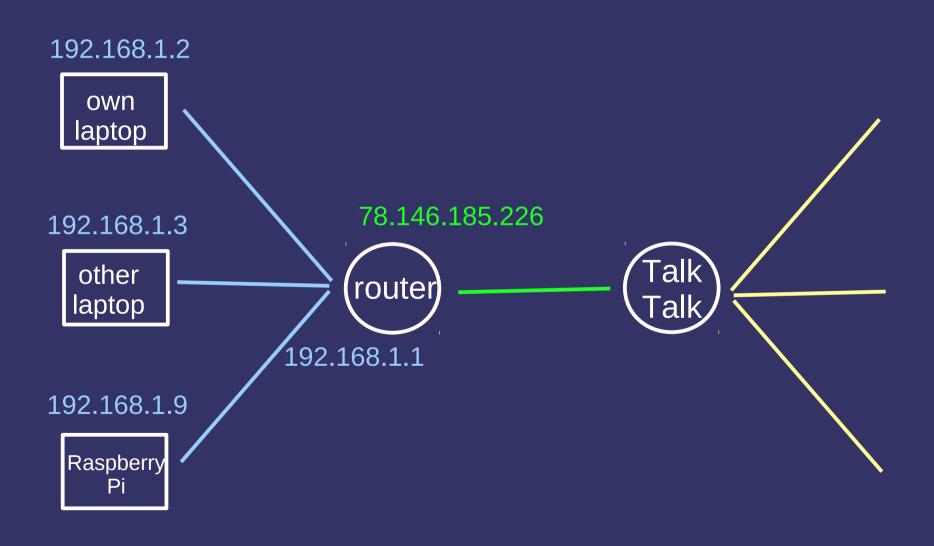
More Info

- UNIX power tools (Powers & Peek)
- The Linux Documentation Project Guides + HOWTOs (www.tldp.org)
- Raspberry Pi documentation
- Books from O'Reilly (usually OK)

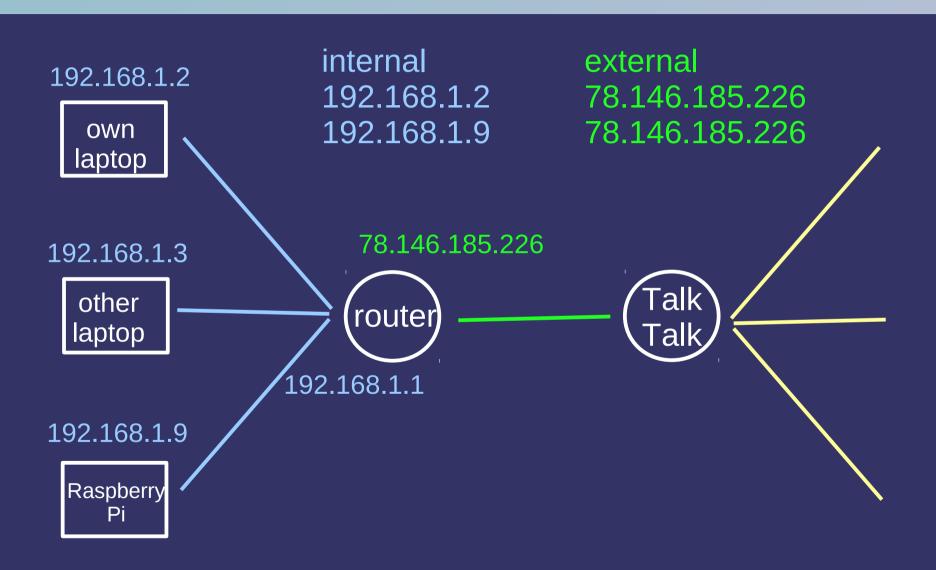
Getting Practical

- (1) If necessary, flash the SD card
- (2) Plug in your Raspberry Pi (incl. KB + TV)
- (3) Install an SSH server (if not already there) and get an SSH client (PUTTY) so you can use remote access (unplug KB+TV)
- (4) Refresh your package list sudo apt-get update
- (5) Install Apache webserver sudo apt-get install apache
- (6) Reconfigure your home broadband router: NAT, Port Forwarding, assigning fixed IP to Pi
- (7) Get yourself a Domain Name (NameCheap?)

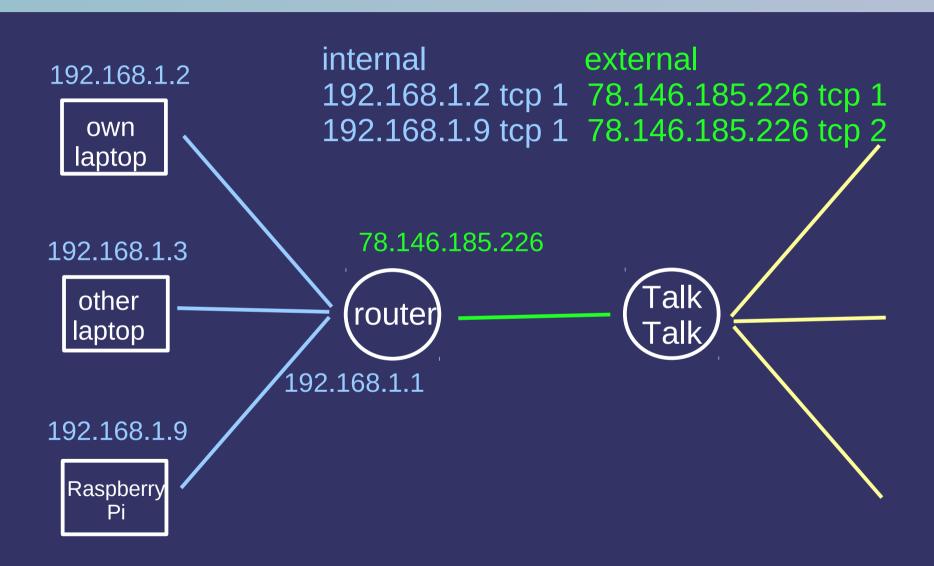
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The Ugly Details (part 2): Dynamic IP addresses and DDNS

- each time you restart the ADSL connection and each time you restart the router, you'll get a different IP address
- You need to have your DNS provider (like NameCheap) automatically informed whenever this happens (DDNS)
- Ideally, this should be configured on the router, if not, make it a cron job on the Pi



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avoid Maplin (expensive!)